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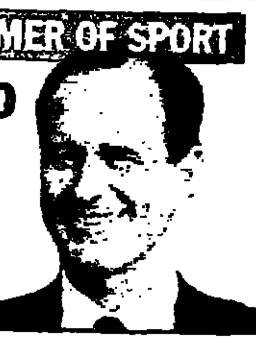

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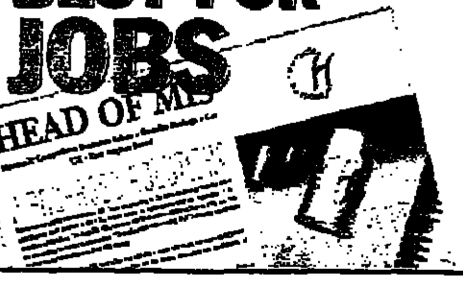

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US launches second missile attack

Iraqi MiGs challenge allied planes

BY IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON, MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA, MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT, AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

IRAQI forces repeatedly challenged the West yesterday after American mounted a second cruise missile attack to destroy more targets in southern Iraq.

Two MiG jets approached the extended "no-fly zone" before being turned back by an allied patrol, radar locked on to an American F16 jet — which promptly retaliated with a Harm missile — and Iraqi forces were again reported to be shelling a Kurdish stronghold in the north, even though Baghdad had insisted they had been withdrawn.

Bursts of anti-aircraft fire also rocked the capital last night, although there was no apparent target, and President Clinton swiftly declared: "I can tell you they are not the product of any action we have taken."

But despite such gestures of defiance, President Saddam Hussein showed the first sign of backing down in his confrontation with America when he removed about 30 combat planes from two air bases which fell into the no-fly zone at noon. Western military sources said that the aircraft took off just before the deadline in a sign that Saddam — who met his air defence commanders yesterday — was reluctant to take on the Americans, in spite of his declaration on Tuesday that his forces should ignore the "damned imaginary lines".

American warships in the Gulf had earlier launched 17 Tomahawk cruise missiles on four of the targets that had been attacked on Tuesday in what was described as a mopping up operation. US Air Force General Joseph Ralston said that the aim was to make sure that the surface-to-air missile sites had been destroyed. "If there was any doubt at all, we thought it prudent to go back with a restrike," he said.

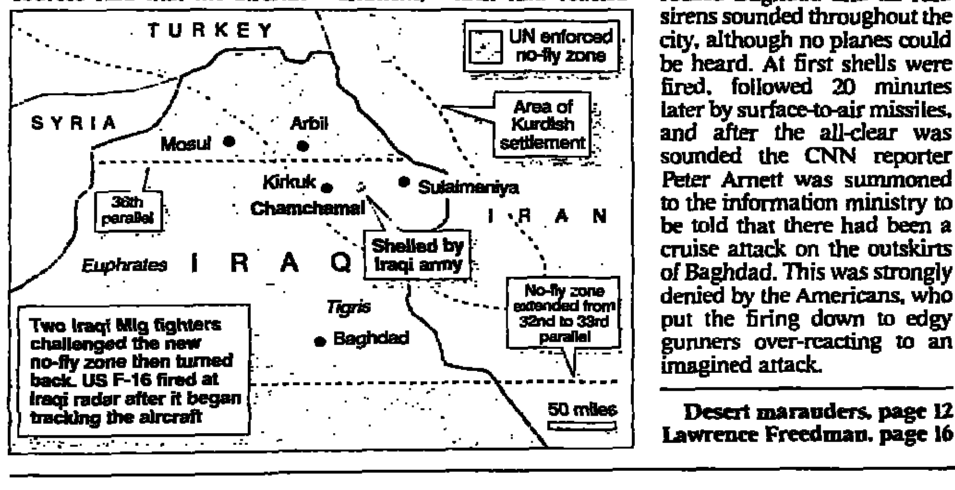
He also hinted that there could be further attacks if the Iraqis got the sites working again. "We will take prudent measures to ensure the safety of our air crews," he said.

Allied aircraft meanwhile resumed their patrols of the no-fly zone, although French planes did not operate in the new section. The French Government, which had reacted coolly to Tuesday's bombardment, made plain that it had not agreed in advance to Mr Clinton's extension of the exclusion zone and its pilots did not fly beyond the old limit.

William Perry, the American Defence Secretary, said that the patrols faced two challenges on their first day back in the air — the MiGs which flew close to the forbidden line 27 miles from Baghdad and the radar which tracked the F16 — but he did not consider either episode to be serious.

The MiGs had been faced off without incident and the American pilot had fired a Harm missile at the radar, which was part of an SA-8 missile. Pentagon officials said they did not know whether the SA-8 was destroyed or if the crew switched off the radar and got out of the way. But Mr Perry said that the renewed cruise attack and the response to the Iraqi challenges proved that "we will take whatever action is necessary to enforce the no-fly zone".

Soon after he spoke, explosions and anti-aircraft fire rocked Baghdad and air-raid sirens sounded throughout the city, although no planes could be heard. At first shells were fired, followed 20 minutes later by surface-to-air missiles, and after the all-clear was sounded the CNN reporter Peter Arnett was summoned to the information ministry to be told that there had been a cruise attack on the outskirts of Baghdad. This was strongly denied by the Americans, who put the firing down to edgy gunners over-reacting to an imagined attack.



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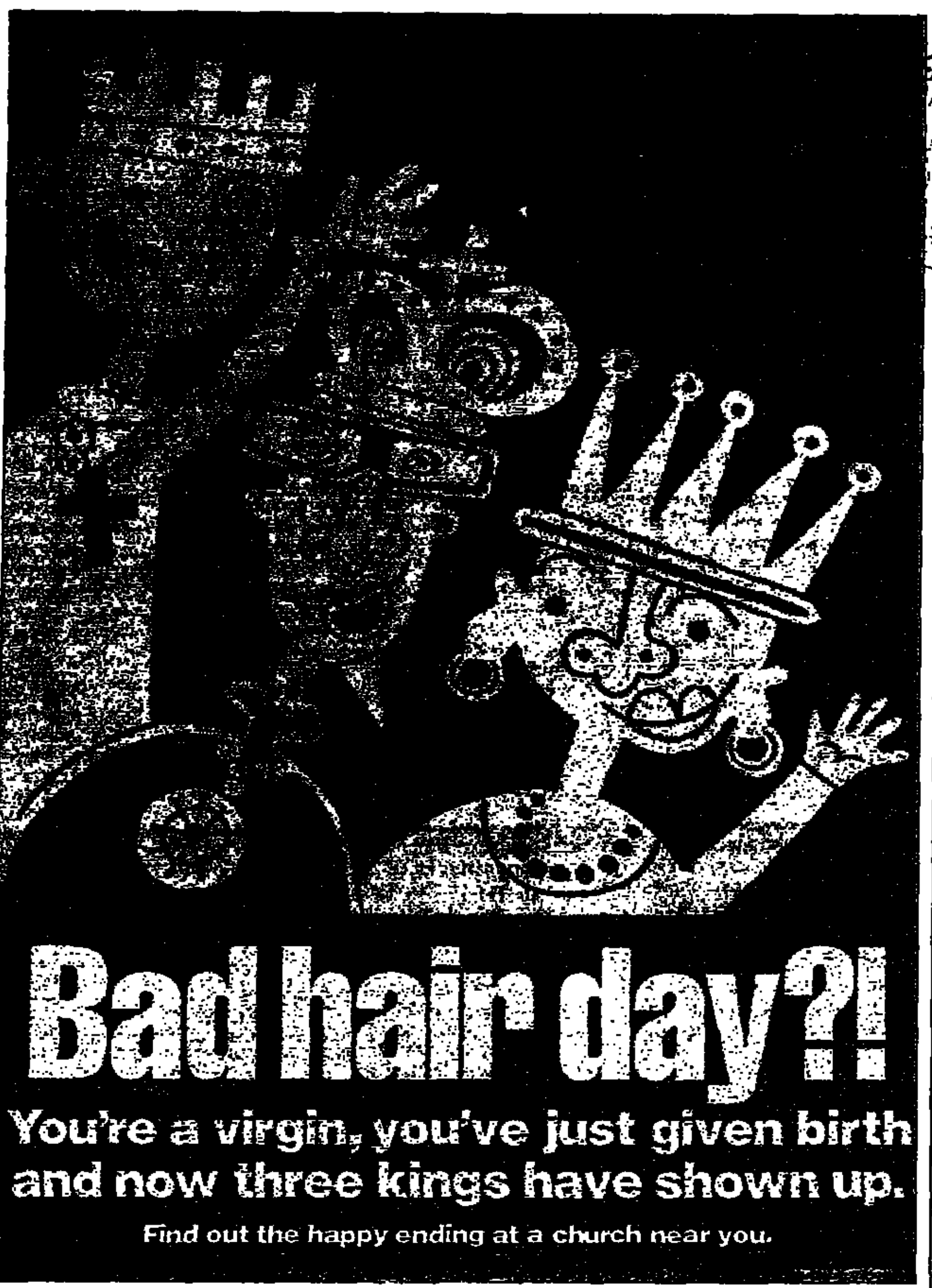

Bad hair day?!
You're a virgin, you've just given birth and now three kings have shown up.
Find out the happy ending at a church near you.

"Bad hair day" poster is being aimed at young people who never go to church

Shock early for Christmas

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

CHURCH leaders are setting out to shock this Christmas with a deliberately provocative poster campaign aimed at young non-churchgoers which its creators admit will alienate traditionalists.

Passers-by, attracted by the poster's arresting streetwise argot and zany linedrawing of three cartoon kings, are invited in small print to "find out the happy ending at a church near you".

The campaign has provoked a furious row. The Archbishop of York, Dr David Hope, is leading opposition against a message that he believes demeans the Christian faith. The Archbishop of Canterbury has pointedly given only his "guarded support" and senior clergy are refusing to use the material.

Dr Hope is said to be "livid" and has written a strongly worded letter to the Church of England's communications department with a copy to the Archbishop of Canterbury complaining that it is a "step too far" from the real meaning of Christmas.

The Rev John Broadhurst, national chairman of the influential *Forward In Faith* group and Bishop-designate of Fulham, said: "It is slick and supercilious. It is about time that trendy liberals realised the world is not interested in gimmicks."

The campaign, created by The Churches Advertising Network, is a conscious attempt to get away from "authoritarian and preachy" campaigns of previous years, to court controversy and "create a media splash". It is the brainchild of an advertising copywriter who works on the Tango adverts.

Its supporters say that the poster is not designed for the faithful but aims to use the

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Blair pledges to go ahead with planned income tax cut

BY JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR yesterday pledged that he would go ahead with Labour's proposal to reduce the bottom rate of income tax to 10p or 15p and confirmed that under Labour Britain would sign up to the social chapter of the Maastricht treaty.

Addressing the party's conference to promote its economic policy and woo business support, the Labour leader and Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, also made clear that a Labour government would implement a national minimum wage, but it would not introduce new laws to clamp down on executive pay or corporate tax.

The proposal to reduce the lowest tax band to 10p provoked a ferocious attack from John Major and Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who said the scheme would cost the Treasury £8 billion a year.

Mr Clarke will deride the plans further today when he launches the Conservatives' new "demon eyes" poster warning of "New Labour, New Taxes".

Brian Mawhinney, the Tory chairman, will make clear that the party will be as aggressive over Labour's tax plans as they were in the last general election campaign when Saatchi produced its £1,000 tax bomb poster for the Tories.

Asked about Labour's tax plans during a campaigning tour in Derbyshire, the Prime Minister said: "The day the Labour Party become tax-cutters you will hear cats bark and not before."

Earlier Mr Clarke described Labour's tax plan as "irresponsible", dismissing it as "a completely incredible attempt to outbid us on taxes". He said the 10p plan would cost £8 billion just to give it to those on the 20p band.

"Labour has no idea where the money is coming from. They will have to raise it from somewhere else to start to meet such a reckless promise," he said.

Mr Blair told the conference of 400 business leaders in London that there was nothing to fear from Labour's new approach to areas like trade union power and the minimum wage, which had provoked worries from industrialists and executives in the past.

"We have put the relationship with the trade unions on a new and more sensible footing," he said. "We have made it repeatedly clear there will be no return to penal tax rates ... It is our long-term objective to reduce high marginal rates of tax for low income families."

Mr Blair said Labour would join the Maastricht social chapter but there had been "a distortion" of what it would mean. It would not, he said, threaten competitiveness.

The Labour leader argued that the key issue with the minimum wage was not the wage itself but the level at which it was set. "We have made it clear we will not pluck a figure from the air. It will be done sensibly and in consultation with business, taking account of the economic situation."

Mr Brown said it was Labour's long-term objective "to have a new lower starting rate of tax of 15p, or preferably 10p in the pound, that is in contrast to the Conservatives' objective of simply abolishing inheritance and capital gains tax".

Party sources made clear that initially the lower level would apply only to a relatively small group of earners. It is still unclear whether those on the national minimum wage would pay only 10p tax.

Alistair Darling, the Shadow Chief Secretary, said Tory claims about the cost of Labour's long-term plans had been plucked out of the air and bore "no relation to reality".

"The Tories lied about Labour's proposals at the last election and they are lying again today."

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Canny canines

Scientists have proved that dogs can read your mind: tests show that up to 46 per cent of them know when their masters are coming home from work and get ready to greet them.......Page 3

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Islamic rally organisers warned

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

BOWING to mounting pressure from MPs, Arab governments and Jewish groups, the Home Office issued a warning yesterday to organisers of an Islamic fundamentalist rally that anyone advocating violence or social unrest would be prosecuted.

In a terse statement to those intending to take part in Sunday's "Rally for Revival" the Home Office said: "The British Government condemns any statement made at the rally in support of terrorism, or violence more generally. We will ensure that the rule of law is upheld."

And it repeated a promise, given to protesting Arab governments, that police and MI5 agents would monitor the London rally and gather evidence to prosecute anyone breaking the law.

The event is being organised by al-Muhajiroun, an organisation which has advocated a holy war against most governments in the Middle East and is led by Sheikh Omar Bakri Muhammad, a militant Syrian.

The speakers will include Muhammad al-Masari, the dissident Saudi physicist who recently called for the "annihilation" of Jews and who has been granted leave to stay in Britain after the unsuccessful attempt to deport him.

One of the groups taking part, Hizb al-Tahrir (Liberation Party), has been accused of intimidation and harassment, mainly of Jews and homosexuals, in British universities, especially in the School of Oriental and African Studies in London.

Many British Muslims fear that militants, claiming to speak for the 1.5 million Muslims in Britain, will strengthen prejudice against them and the association of Islam with terrorism. Supporters accuse the Government of harassment.

Tories' secret weapon scores a direct hit

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Prime Minister yesterday admitted that his wife would trump tax cuts or Lord Saatchi as the card up his sleeve in the run-up to the general election.

Confirming rumours that Norma Major will play a key role in attempting to secure a fifth Tory election victory, John Major said: "She has been my secret weapon for the past 26 years."

Yesterday Mrs Major sailed through the crowds like a benign duchess and rubbed shoulders with a duke on the first day of the Majors' grand tour of the Midlands. Downing Street aides insisted that she did not want to do any walkabouts, but after half an hour chatting to patients at a doctors' surgery in Glossop about hip replacements, Mrs Major slipped into the crowd, encouraging her husband to follow. Children asked for her autograph as she chatted to their mothers about the expense of school uniforms and her husband signed a little girl's arm. A pensioner asked where she got her suntan: "My back garden in Huntingdon," she said.

Photographers did not need to ask her to smile — she beamed. Dressed in a dusty pink suit (dead salmon in the National Trust's paint guide) with matching nails and black patent shoes, she left Mr Major looking gauche.

"Can't we have a nice picture of you two together?" a local photographer shouted. "I'm sure you have got plenty of those," Mr Major said briskly. "But not in Glossop, sir," the photographer replied. Mrs Major immediately went to her husband's side.

Next stop was the spa town of Buxton and a drink with the Duke of Devonshire, who had dressed down for the occasion in Hush Puppies, an old Prince of Wales check suit and

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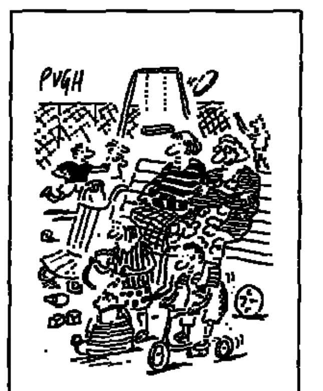

"Have you noticed how the name Norma's back in fashion and John's completely out?"

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Blair sees radical future in lessons of the past

By Peter Riddell

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

TONY BLAIR has been thinking a lot during the summer about the differences between Opposition and Government. By chance, he spent part of his holiday in a house in France with lots of books about British politics. He focused on the problems facing opposition leaders before elections. After reading a biography last year of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader at the time of the 1906 landslide, this year he dipped into biographies of Margaret Thatcher and Harold Wilson.

What struck him was the caution of pre-election commitments compared with the later radicalism. Few would have predicted in 1905-06 that the Liberal Government would lay the foundations of the welfare state, or, in 1979, that the Thatcher Government would so fundamentally undermine the power of the trade unions and shift the boundaries between the public and private sectors. Mr Blair believes that a Labour government may be seen as radical as that of 1906.

After his summer break, he is relaxed and self-confident about what he wants Labour to do. He argues that if Labour achieves its main goals of reforming welfare, raising standards in schools, establishing a new role for Britain in Europe, creating a new partnership for government to help business and decentralising political decisions, these will represent radical achievements.

Mr Blair's problem is convincing the public of his aims and hopes while reassuring them — and his business audience yesterday — that a Labour government would be financially responsible and would not raise taxes. Labour is hypersensitivite to the willingness of the Tories to turn any idea into a costly commitment that will mean higher taxes. This is causing far more concern than the latest trivia about the leaders' wives. (There have never been any plans to give Cherie, Mr Blair's wife, a more prominent role.)

Hence, the balancing act in Labour documents and the speeches by Mr Blair and Gordon Brown at yesterday's conference on the social chapter and the minimum wage. Pledges to help the unemployed to find work and to improve infrastructure were offset by assurances that no proposals in Labour's pre-manifesto will require rises in personal tax. Many of the businessmen who have met Mr Blair will never vote for his party, but they may not regard Labour as a real demon as they did the Department of Industry under Tony Benn.

The most intriguing parallels are with 1963-64. Mr Blair cites Ben Pimlott's *Harold Wilson*: "The new Leader's early objective was to present himself, both for public and party consumption, as a sensible politician who would maintain existing Labour policies, yet had a radical cutting edge. 'At present he is full of reassurance for the nervous', observed one commentator."

Wilson never succeeded in changing his party and increasingly had to lead despite it. By contrast, Mr Blair is optimistic about the prospects for a Labour government because he has changed the party in a way that Wilson never tried to — Clause Four has been rewritten, membership has nearly doubled and relations with the unions are on a new basis. Of course there are dissenters, with the Labour MPs being the least-changed section of the party, but the clash is more of culture and generations than of specific policies. The key to whether a Blair government can be radical and hold together in office is the willingness of the party to accept tough decisions on public spending and the reshaping of welfare.

NEWS IN BRIEF

MPs look anew at MoD sale of homes

MPs are to reopen an inquiry into the sale of Armed Forces married quarters after the decision to sell them to a consortium backed by two businessmen with links to the Conservative Party. The Commons Defence Select Committee is to demand details, amid Labour anger that the consortium, Annington Homes, is backed by the former minister Lord Younger of Prestwick, and Lord Hambro, an honorary Tory treasurer.

MP's ultimatum

Bromsgrove Conservative Association, which has given its MP, Roy Thomason, an ultimatum to "clear up his business problems or stand down from Parliament", said yesterday it had taken its decision reluctantly: "The problem is that you cannot put a man forward who is likely to become bankrupt."

Head suspended

A headmaster was under suspension last night after a report on his school by education inspectors. Adrian Gregory of North Manchester High School for Boys faces a disciplinary investigation after the Ofsted study, which is reported to be highly critical of teaching standards and the management of the school.

Feed the world

More than 40,000 people in Britain were receiving "meals on wheels" of cottage pie and lemon pudding yesterday to mark the first International Meals on Wheels Day. The same meal was sent out to the elderly in many other countries round the world. The menu was suggested by Australians.

Horn trio bailed

Two women and a man were released on police bail last night a day after the seizure of illicit rhino horns worth £2.8 million in a raid on premises in Kensington, west London. Police found 105 horns, weighing 240 kilos. The three people, who come from Cambridgeshire, were bailed to appear in eight weeks.

Drink delay

Distribution of Thickhead, a new fruit-flavoured alcoholic drink accused of encouraging underage drinking, has been stopped until a new label and packaging is produced, the makers Carlsberg-Tetley said last night. The drink was launched on Tuesday amid claims that its packaging attracted teenagers to alcohol.

Freddie's star

Freddie Mercury, the late singer with Queen, has a star named after him today on what would have been his 50th birthday. The star is in the constellation of Cassiopeia, also known as The Queen. The naming has been approved by the London branch of the International Star Registry.

Alert for woman

Concern grew yesterday for the safety of Margaret Jarvis, above, a policeman's wife who disappeared with her two children aged 5 and 8. Mrs Jarvis, 47, left a suicide note before leaving home in Nounsley, near Witham, Essex, in a Ford Fiesta (registration BVW 517T).

Police crack crime by boosting pay of key informants

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

THE recruitment of better paid informants willing to "grass" on offenders has become a key part of the police drive against crime, a government watchdog says today.

More money and a much greater use of informers has helped police officers in many parts of the country boost the number of crimes cleared up. One force has tripled its number of registered informants to 300 in the last three years, resulting in an average of two arrests a day in 1995 at an average cost in payments to informants of £70 an arrest.

The Audit Commission points to the success of Hertfordshire Constabulary as an example that could be followed by other forces. But the greater use of informants will fuel fears among civil liberties groups that Britain is becoming a nation of "narks". John Wadham, director of Liberty, said: "Do we want to live in a society where we are always watched by TV cameras, where our conversations are recorded and where neighbours are paid to snoop on us?"

But Kate Flannery, a senior Audit Commission official, called for an expansion of the use of informers by the 43 police forces in England and Wales and a more systematic approach to "running" them. Police forces had to be more realistic about how much cash to give informants, she said. Until recently police had been paying between £5 and £10 for titbits of information and the average force paid about £20,000 a year overall.

Ms Flannery called for police to provide bigger sums and to be much more active in recruiting and running informants. She said: "They should not just wait for informants to come to them but actually task the informant.

"Go to them and say 'We have a problem on a particular estate, what do you know about it? Can you find this particular information out for us?'"

She also supported allowing uniformed officers as well as non-uniformed officers to recruit informers but admitted that there was some hostility within the police towards allowing such a development. "Some chief officers are still a little wary of allowing inexperienced officers to try to control informants — there are obvious risks.

"The tradition is for detectives to run informants, but a more systematic approach is to urge all more experienced officers, uniformed or detective, to try to encourage people to become registered informants."

Informants helped Hertfordshire to increase its clear up rate for domestic burglaries by 14 percentage points between 1993-1995, the biggest improvement by any force in the country. In St Albans, the house burglary clear up rate trebled, from 13 per cent to 39 per cent.

Chief Inspector Jeff Walklate said: "One of the ways we generate intelligence is through the use of active informants, and in this division we have put a lot of effort into cultivating informants which has resulted in a dramatic increase in numbers."

329 held in dawn raids

Police arrested 329 people in a series of dawn raids and recovered stolen goods as well as firearms, drugs and CS gas canisters. About 1,700 officers from the Metropolitan Police helped to search 600 houses and flats in London as part of Operation Bumblebee, an anti-burglary drive launched three years ago. The recovered property included antiques, jewellery, computer chips, credit cards and passports.

RICHARD BLAKE

Norma Major charming potential voters and their families during a walkabout in Glossop yesterday

Secret weapon wins the crowd by stealth

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a woolly jumper. The Duke changed his allegience to the SDP a decade ago but after half an hour chatting to Mrs Major on the subject of the Georgian crescent, he was smitten.

So were the crowds. Mrs Major couldn't be held back. As her husband talked to the press about Iraq, Mrs Major moved like the new stealth bomber. She had a quietly devastating effect, slipping through the crowd of shoppers, policemen with binoculars in tow. "She's much nicer than Glenys Kinnock, much more homely, we talked about the weather," Kitty Harper, a pensioner, said. "Why have you kept your wife locked up all these years," one man joked. Mr Major replied: "Norma has been accompanying me on tours like this for a very long time. But she now proposes to do that a good deal more in the future. I am delighted she is here. She is a very great asset to me first and then to the Conservative Party as a whole."

But best of all for the Tories, unlike stealth bombers or flashy advertising, Mrs Major comes free.

The enemy in the battle for votes confirmed yesterday that it has no intention of giving Tony Blair's wife Cherie a more prominent role. The Labour leader's advisers believe the Tories' decision to spotlight Mrs Major will distract attention from what Mr Major is saying, and sees no need to respond in like fashion.

Mr Blair, like Mr Major, will be making a number of trips round Britain during September, but he will be on his own, as planned. Mrs Blair will concentrate on her busy, and highly successful, career as a barrister under her maiden name Cherie Booth, and on raising her young family.

She will attend the Labour conference in Blackpool but there has been no discussion about her speaking as Hillary Clinton or Elizabeth Dole did at the American party conventions.

Expelled pupils face hard road back

By David Charter

EXPELLED pupils will find it harder to win a reprieve under new legislation on school discipline, Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, said yesterday.

Appeals panels that decide whether an unruly child should be allowed back will be forced to place greater emphasis on the needs of the whole school. At present, there is no legal requirement for the interests of the school or the victim of a bully to be taken into account.

Mrs Shephard, speaking on BBC Radio Four's *World At One*, said the appeal system would be changed "to make sure that by its mechanics it allows those taking the decisions to focus not only on the interests of the individual pupil but also of all the other pupils in the school".

She criticised the tactics of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, whose members threatened to strike over two disruptive pupils this week. Mrs Shephard called the action "a pity" and said the public focus on cases in West Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire would be "totally harmful" to the children involved.

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Key wetland sites endangered by industrial use

By Nick Nuttall, environment correspondent

SOME of the country's most important rivers, lakes, fens and marshes are being sucked dry by water companies, farmers and industry, the Government's wildlife advisers reported yesterday.

Up to 89 Sites of Special Scientific Interest, home to rare animals and plants, are being ruined by over-abstraction, with the damage aggravated by recent droughts.

Chris Newbold, senior wetland ecologist at English Nature, said: "We commissioned the report because we were concerned about increased demand for water abstraction affecting SSSIs. It shows that some of our most special sites could be in danger of drying out unless we can find a way to ensure that they have an adequate supply of water."

He said they be seeking meetings with the government's Environment Agency and water companies to try to avert a crisis. English Nature believes water companies should take less water from rivers, freshwaters and underground springs during the summer and store more resources in the winter. It also wants them to be more efficient and plug leaks.

Mr Newbold cited Redgrave and Lopham fen in Suffolk, where pools have "totally dried up and we have had a fire it is so dry". He blamed over-abstraction at a borehole by Essex and Suffolk Water company.

Southport Dunes in Merseyside are drying out because of drainage from the site by a nearby golf course. "Some of the flora species are rare grasses, sedges and mosses. The drying out of the land means the dunes are being replaced by ones with deeper roots, such as willow-like species." Mr Newbold said.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds said the report showed that urgent action was needed to halt damage from water abstraction. It called on the Environment Agency urgently to address the problem on all the sites, which include two RSPB reserves at Fowlmere in Cambridgeshire and Dungeness in Kent.

Barbara Young, RSPB chief executive, said: "The Environment Agency must review the abstraction licences which are causing the problems and take appropriate action."

The Water Services Association said it would be studying the report and discussing further action with English Nature.

Church goes Christmas shocking

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language of the streets as part of the Church's mission to draw non-believers into the fold.

The Churches Advertising Network is sending brochures containing the artwork to 40,000 ministers in the Anglican, Roman Catholic and evangelical and Baptist churches. Roadside and bus stop posters, radio adverts, T-shirts, flyers, badges, Christmas cards and wrapping paper bearing the copy will start appearing next month in the run-up to Christmas. It is the work of Christians in the Media, a group of committed Christians who work in the higher echelons of the advertising industry and give their time and expertise voluntarily.

Dr Tom Ambrose, Vicar of Witchford, in Cambridgeshire, and the campaign co-ordinator, said that this year they set out to provoke discussion among congregations. They wanted to get away from the "safe" campaigns of recent years.

He said: "It will be a struggle for some people in the Church to cope with this. We want it to be talked about and the more people who discuss what it is about the better."

John Griffiths, a London-based advertising executive who led the group, said it was important to adopt a different "tone of voice" and one immediately recognisable as everyday speech.

The phrase "bad hair day" — it is transatlantic speak for a lousy day where everything goes wrong — was thoroughly researched. It is an Americanism that was once used in the 1988 cult film *Hairspray*, directed by John Waters, and is now creeping into everyday parlance on Britain. Television commentators used the phrase several times in their commentary on the Olympics in Atlanta.

"It is not some bastardised form of street speak," Mr Griffiths said. "If we had said 'Happy Christmas is wicked or crucial' we could have been accused of going for the youth vote with borrowed clothes. We have not simply picked up on a buzz word. It has integrity. It is supposed to ruffle a few feathers and to unsettle them."

Some dioceses like the new theme. In Oxford, the youth officer is organising "bad hair day" events. The Bishop of Aston, the Rt Rev John Austin, said: "It is a measure of the Church's commitment that they want to engage with 16 to 25-year-olds."

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Dogs, cats, even snakes are psychic

How Rover knows when you are about to return

By Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent

SCIENTISTS have proved what pet owners have long suspected — that dogs can read human minds. Tests in which pets have been videoed as their owners are preparing to leave work indicate that up to 46 per cent of dogs know their masters are coming home.

The same research shows that cats share a similar but less common psychic bond. Just 14 per cent seem to know their owners have packed their briefcases. The phenomenon, typified by the pet rousing itself to the peer out of the window up to an hour before its owner returns, appears to extend to other species including a snake and a mynah bird.

The research, to be published soon, has been carried out by Rupert Sheldrake, former director of cell biology and biochemistry at Cambridge University and a Royal Society research fellow. Dr Sheldrake, author of the bestseller *Seven Experiments that Could Change the World*, will present the findings at a meeting of the Society of Companion Animal Studies organised by the university's veterinary school on Saturday.

Dr Sheldrake said yesterday that the bond operated over scores of miles. "Some people might call this weird, but for many pet owners it is perfectly normal."

The phenomenon has emerged from a survey of 410 households in the Greater Manchester area contacted at random. About 120 dog owners reported that their pets knew when they were coming home. "We have carried out experiments with several dogs: the most exhaustive, however, has been with Jaytee, a mongrel terrier that lives with his owner in Ramsbottom, Lancashire," Dr Sheldrake said.

Jaytee, who has been owned by Pam Smart since he was a few weeks old, has almost from day one gone to the french windows of her parents' house looking for her return. Ms Smart used to have a nine-to-five job as a school secretary: "My dad told me he did this. But I thought it was because he had a good body clock and he knew what time I was coming home."

However, a few years ago Ms Smart was made redundant and the time at which she returned home became far more erratic. Nevertheless Jaytee, who is now seven, still seemed to anticipate when its owner was on her way.

News that the research was to be undertaken came in January 1995 when the first video footage was taken of Jaytee. It was that success which prompted a wider investigation and the new findings appear to indicate the phenomenon was not a fluke.

Dr Sheldrake has carried out more than 150 experiments to try to rule out obvious explanations such as the sound of a familiar engine. Ms Smart has been paged to return home at unpredictable times while at work or out with friends. Dr Sheldrake said: "She has been coming home in different ways including by bicycle, taxi and in different cars. Typically the dog starts going to the window ten minutes before she turns on the car engine."

During 153 tests Jaytee anticipated Ms Smart's return in 80 per cent of cases. The 30 times when Jaytee failed to respond included while it was sick or distracted by a bitch on heat.

Dr Sheldrake has collected more than 1,500 case studies from around the world including a mynah bird which would cry Robbie's Coming Home" when its owner was returning from an overseas trip. A snake in Germany would rouse itself before the occasional visit of a man with a tempting morsel of a mouse.

Reception committee: some pets will prepare to welcome their owner an hour before they return

Daisy Crawley, inset, and her husband Charles, a Royal Marines commando who died at Tobruk, aged 24

Widow granted visa to visit Tobruk grave 54 years after soldier's death

By Stephen Farrell

LIBYA has given a 79-year-old widow permission to visit her husband's war grave in Tobruk. Daisy Norris was granted a visa after years battling against warnings from the Foreign Office and veterans' associations.

Few Britons are allowed to visit the graves of relatives who fell in Libya during the desert campaign. Britain has no diplomatic relations with Libya and UN Security Council sanctions banning flights there are still in force.

Mrs Norris, from Beeston, Nottinghamshire, will travel alone to see the grave of her first husband, Charles Crawley. The 24-year-old Royal Marines commando died at Tobruk on September 14, 1942, without ever seeing his month-old son Stephen. He lies among the 2,282 graves tended by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission in Tobruk.

Mrs Norris had almost given up hope but on Tuesday she received a telephone call from the Saudi embassy in London, which deals with Libyan matters. "I can't believe it has happened. I was speechless when they told me I could have a visa. So many times I thought it would happen and it didn't," she said.

"Everyone has told me not to go over the years. The Royal British Legion said no pilgrims were allowed because Colonel Gaddafi had closed the border. The Foreign Office said I couldn't go because it was an enemy country. Now I am just going to go on my own. I have no quarrel with Colonel Gaddafi or his country."

Mrs Norris: unafraid

Mrs Norris does not yet know when she can go. She will collect her visa on Monday and hopes to cross the border from Tunisia, where she will be on holiday in November. She remarried after the war and began to think about visiting the grave after her second husband died of cancer in 1970.

Although veterans from other Commonwealth countries have visited the cemeteries in Tobruk, Tripoli, Benghazi and Acroma, British groups have been frustrated.

Mrs Norris insists she is aware of the risks of travelling alone. "I have been taking chances all my life and I'm 79, so I don't think it matters very much now. He was my first young man, my first love and my first husband and there was no end. I never even got a chance to say goodbye."

Girl given legal aid to tackle parents over ban

By Paul Wilkinson and Frances Gibb

A SCHOOLGIRL has been granted legal aid to challenge her parents' ban on seeing her younger brother, sister and the family dog which was imposed when she walked out to live with her boyfriend.

The girl, aged 16, said: "I don't want to see my mum and dad, just my brother, sister and dog. My mum says she has disowned me and I had no right to see them." Her mother described the situation as just "teenage attention-seeking" and said she could go home at any time.

However, at Teesside family court yesterday, Michael Manning, the girl's solicitor, made a formal application for leave to apply for contact. The magistrate agreed to a request from the girl's mother and stepfather for an adjournment when they said they had not had sufficient time to seek legal advice.

The girl, who cannot be named for legal reasons, is an A-level student in Cleveland. She left home in April to move in with her boyfriend less than a mile away. She maintains that since then her mother has refused to allow her to see her brother, 7, and sister, 6.

She said: "I've been very upset and cannot wait to see my brother and sister. I'm very close to the children."

She took the case to her local law centre and was put in touch with Mr Manning, who described the case as "unusual". The action is the latest to be brought by a child under the Children Act 1989, which for the first time enabled children to instruct lawyers and initiate legal actions. It also assessed them for legal aid on their own means.

But under the Government's proposed legal aid reforms, it is just the kind of case that the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, would like to see settled by mediation rather than in the courts. It is also the kind of case that could fail the proposed new "deservingness" test, which will make it harder to obtain legal aid — especially if mediation had not been tried.

Mr Manning said: "It is impossible to put an accurate figure on the cost of such a case. It could involve instructing counsel, it could be transferred to a higher court. You could find a bill of costs in excess of £1,000."

The Legal Aid Bill puts a new emphasis on mediation as a way of settling disputes. Lawyers and advice centres will be encouraged to direct people, where possible, to resolving disputes via mediation and out of court.

Hermit daughter mesmerised family

By Kathryn Knight

A WOMAN who lived as a recluse in her bedroom for 14 years exerted such influence over her family that they agreed a suicide pact after her death, an inquest was told yesterday. Police called to the house after Karen Morgan died and her brother tried to kill himself found suicide notes signed by him and his parents.

Miss Morgan, 29, turned her back on the outside world at the age of 15 and lived on bare floorboards at the family home in Bexley, southeast London. She refused to see her father, Bob, or brother and terrorised her mother, Josie, into following strange rituals when bringing her food. Her death from a brain tumour was discovered when her younger brother, Russell, called for an ambulance after taking an overdose of paracetamol. She had been dead for three days.

Detective Inspector Rob Harrall told the inquest at Croydon: "Karen had various rituals and we found letters from her with page after page of repeated demands to her parents." She would scream if they were not fulfilled. She exerted such influence over her family that she did not allow her father or brother to see her for the last eight years of her life. Miss Morgan also became obsessed with rituals in which she would wash and scrub herself for hours and insist her mother do the same before she brought her food. Then she would remain in squalor in her room.

Dr Rufus Crompton, a pathologist, said she had wasted calf muscles — "she could not have walked for quite some time" — and her teeth were badly decayed.

The coroner, Paul Rose, said he had heard "a quite extraordinary story". He was "extremely concerned with regards to social services as it appears they had no power to intervene in this situation because nothing untoward was happening." Miss Morgan had died as a result of bronchial pneumonia and a brain tumour. He recorded a verdict of death by natural causes.

Surveillance 'prevented diplomat destroying paedophile videos'

A SENIOR diplomat told a jury yesterday that he had been unable to destroy his large collection of paedophile videos in Japan because he was being kept under surveillance.

Robert Coghlan, a divorced father of two, who denies illegally importing obscene material into Britain, said he was uncertain who was watching him. It might have been the police, he told Southwark Crown Court, adding: "I have been in office long enough to know that I was being followed." He rejected suggestions that he was sexually interested in children.

Mr Coghlan, 54, a press attaché, said he bought most of the tapes unintentionally during a 4½-year stint as First Secretary in the information department of the British Embassy in Tokyo. He said he had desperately tried to think of a way to get rid them. Aware that if the hoard was discovered it would mean the end of a distinguished 30-year career, he considered dumping it on a rubbish tip.

That option, as well as returning the £20 tapes to a sex shop, was ruled out by the fear he was being watched. He first realised the tapes were in Britain when, after a month-long holiday, he was asked to fill in a Customs clearance form by a shipping agent.

The case continues.

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Celibacy will no longer be required, say Catholic priests

By Ruth Gledhill, Religion Correspondent

CELIBACY will eventually be abandoned as a necessity for Roman Catholic clergy, because of the many former Anglican clergy being ordained to the Catholic priesthood, it was predicted yesterday.

The influx of one-time Anglican vicars, some with wives and families, was lowering morale among Catholic clergy who had spent years being taught to cultivate celibacy as part of their vocation, according to priests meeting at their annual conference in Birmingham. Cardinal Basil Hume, the Archbishop of Westminster, is preparing to ordain several former Anglicans later this year. The Catholic priests are angry because they say they were not consulted by bishops over the matter. The Pope has granted special permission for the ordinations.

"We were not asked. They have just been imposed on us," said one priest, who gave warning that the arrival of married priests was demoralising their Catholic colleagues in neighbouring parishes who could not marry unless they left the priesthood. "It also means the issue of married priests is now settled," he added. "It is inevitable now that the Church will allow its priests to marry."

He said that most of the Catholic laity had accepted the concept of married priests. "There has been a sea-change. In a parish where a priest maybe has an affair which results in a child, and has to leave, the congregation will no longer consider him to be in disgrace, as they did until recently. Instead, they will hold collections to help him support his new family."

The priest added: "I know of one such parish where the congregation could not understand why their priest had to leave, simply for being a human being. Congregations are now relieved when they discover their priest is interested in women."

According to a paper debated by the 80 priests, meeting at Newman College, morale is low among many priests, who feel overworked. "Priests often feel they are like a piggy-in-the-middle, standing in the breach in a time of rapid cultural and ecclesial change," Father Paul Crowe writes.

Although priests are declining in number, they are not allowed to discuss solutions, "namely the ordination of married men", he says. Priests are lonely and want help to deal with their "legitimate need for intimacy", he says.

The psychologist Father Brendan Callaghan, SJ, said "questions" needed to be asked about the Church's insistence on celibacy. "It may be to the point to remind ourselves that up to 1074 it was legitimate for a married man to be a deacon, priest or a bishop." He predicted that ordinations of married priests from other churches would lead to celibacy being dropped as a requirement.

☐ The Rev Tana Riviere, whose licence was revoked after she married her vicar within a year of his divorce, is taking the Bishops of Winchester and Southampton to an industrial tribunal claiming sexual discrimination.

Scottish artist Alexander Goudie with one of his *Tam O'Shanter* paintings

Scots art champion heads for hat-trick with Tam O'Shanter

By Shirley English

TIMOTHY Clifford, the director of the National Galleries of Scotland, is heading for a hat-trick of important acquisitions in two years. Less than three weeks after saving for the nation the £2 million 17th century masterpiece by Il Guercino, *Erminia Finding the Wounded Tancred*, he announced plans to buy the bulk of a series of 57 paintings by contemporary Scottish artist Alexander Goudie, in order to keep the sequence together and, most importantly, in Scotland. Mr Clifford also stopped Canova's sculpture *Three Graces* from being exported last year.

The themed Goudie collection, worth around £620,000, portrays scenes from the Robert Burns poem *Tam O'Shanter* and has been on show at the Freemasons' Hall in Edinburgh during the festival. Mr Clifford, who viewed the paintings only ten days ago and instantly decided to buy them, has already written to the Scottish Arts Council, which administers the Arts Lottery Fund, with a request for cash. "They are an enchanting series of pictures. And in this year of all years, the bi-centenary of Burns' death, I thought it right to announce we are keen to buy them," said Mr Clifford.

The Scottish Arts Council will not make a decision until December. The pictures would probably go to the new National Gallery in Glasgow.

Heart girl died after two-year wait for surgery

By Jeremy Laurance
Health Correspondent

A TWO-YEAR-OLD girl born with a rare heart defect who died suddenly after waiting all her life for corrective surgery did not get the treatment expected from the NHS, a coroner said yesterday.

Natalie Kelley had waited for surgery at Killingbeck hospital, Leeds, since being diagnosed shortly after birth with pulmonary atresia, in which the artery between the heart and lungs is narrowed, causing shortness of breath.

Doctors said that her condition was not serious and kept postponing the operation. But last June she collapsed at her home in Dewsbury, West Yorkshire, and died in hospital from a blood clot lodged in the artery.

Dr John Gibbs, a consultant paediatric cardiologist at Killingbeck, told an inquest yesterday that Natalie's death was totally unexpected. He never believed her to be in immediate danger and so did not move her higher up the waiting list or transfer her to a hospital where she could have had surgery sooner.

"There was never any sign that her condition would deteriorate in the way that it did," Dr Gibbs said. "In 15 years as a heart physician, I have never known such a young patient to die of a blood clot in this way."

Recording a verdict of death by natural causes, James Turnbull, the coroner, said: "Humanity is not perfect and sadly the system in this case does not seem to have provided the service expected. As science and expertise expands more kinds of treatments will be developed."

Natalie's mother, Sadie Kelley, said afterwards that she blamed the NHS and was considering legal action. "Nothing has been said which convinces me that Natalie would have died anyway. She died because she had to wait too long for her operation."

CSA orders man to pay 17p a day for children

By Dominic Kennedy

A WOMAN has accused the Child Support Agency of making her former lover pay only 17p a day for each of their two children.

Catherine Hackitt, from White Stone, Warwickshire, who is living on income support, said Aled Anwyl, a hill farmer whose cattle have lost value because of the BSE crisis, had been ordered to send her £1.15 a week for each child. "It is an insult," she said. "I don't want blood money. All I want is a fair contribution."

The couple met in a pub near Mr Anwyl's farm in Llanbrymair, West Glamorgan, and had two children. They separated soon after their daughter was born in 1993.

Mr Anwyl, 40, said: "The BSE scare has hit all the farmers in the area hard. I would like to do more for the children but at the moment it isn't possible."

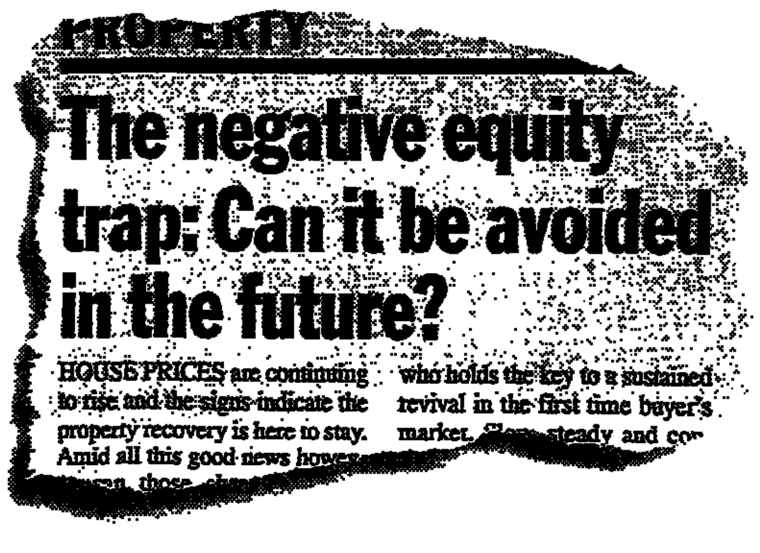
A spokeswoman for the agency declined to comment on the case but said that if either party felt unhappy they could apply for a reassessment.

CORRECTIONS

☐ The smoky vehicles pollution hotline (report, August 19) is for lorries and buses only. Drivers failing a roadside emission test are given 14 days to carry out repairs and obtain a new MoT test certificate. The new hotline number for Scotland is 01506 445216.

☐ Sir Roger Parker conducted the Windscale Nuclear Fuel Reprocessing inquiry of 1977, not Michael Parker (report, August 29).

☐ Eleanor Roosevelt addressed the Democratic convention 15 years after leaving the White House, not 25 (report, August 29).



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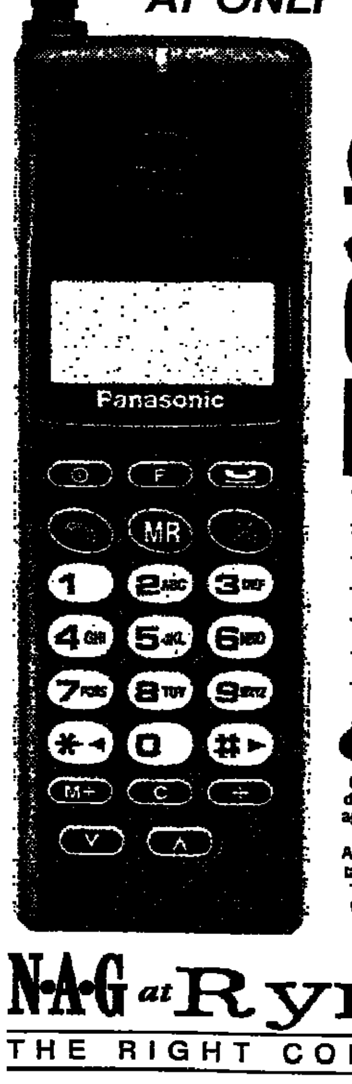

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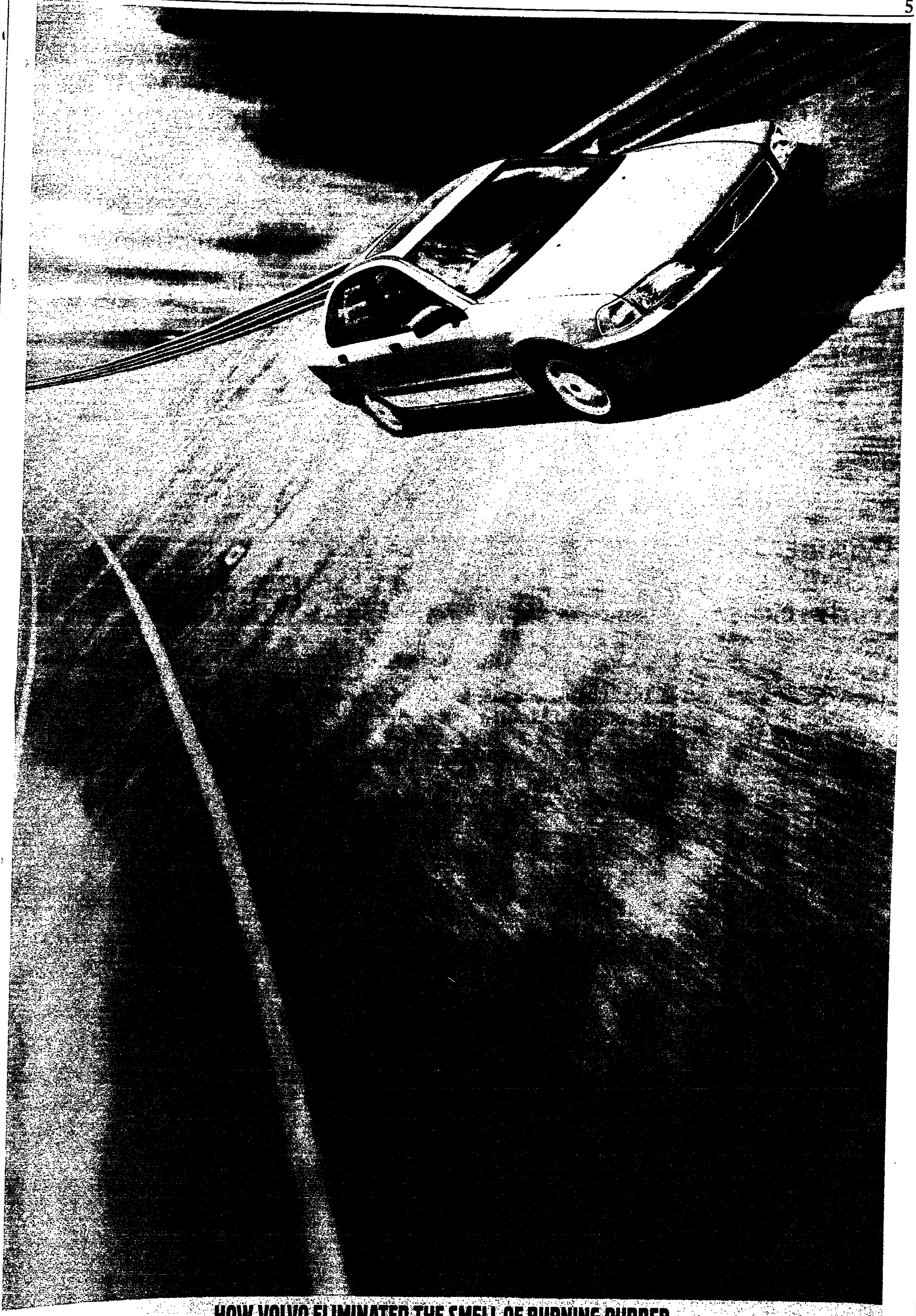

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Garrison unearthed in Sussex

Discovery of lost Roman camp 'may rewrite history'

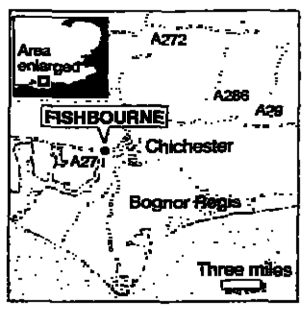
By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent, and Bill Frost

THE Roman invasion of Britain in AD 43 took place on two fronts with the legions trapping their prey in a classic pincer movement, new evidence suggests.

The only bridgehead was believed to have been at Richborough in Kent, but the remains of a substantial military garrison have now been uncovered much further west, suggesting that the main thrust of the invasion may have centred on Sussex. The size of the stone-built camp near Fishbourne Roman palace in West Sussex suggests a substantial military presence.

The find, announced by the Sussex Archaeological Society, which owns the palace site, "will have enormous importance for our understanding of Fishbourne but also, more widely, for our thinking on the Roman invasion," said John Manley, head of the society.

Excavations have revealed the ground plan of a large stone building, some 35 by 25 metres, with an internal courtyard flanked by corridors. A large hall or *basilica* on the east was divided to create a large central room with a sunken central feature. The overall plan had parallels with Roman military headquarters, known as *principies*, Mr Manley said. The interpretation would be strengthened if the sunken feature was a *sacellum* or strongroom, in which the soldiers' payroll would have been kept, together with the standards or insignia of the legion.



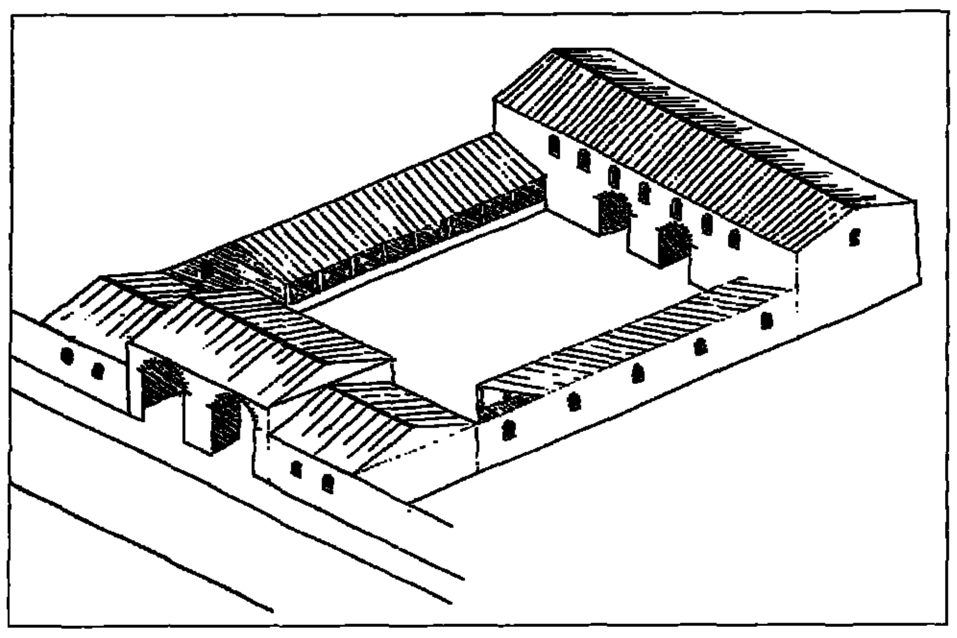
"It is now not a possibility, but a strong probability that the invasion was on two fronts. Rome split the force between Kent and Sussex to squeeze the Britons," Mr Manley added. "The documentary evidence was ambiguous but, given the size of this garrison, I would say that the history books will have to be rewritten."

According to Mr Manley, the building would also suggest an unexpectedly lengthy occupation of what is now West Sussex by the Roman legions and support the thesis that a main thrust of the invasion came through Chichester harbour, as well as further east in Kent.

This would also challenge the accepted view that Cogidubnus, king of the Regnenses, brought his people under the sway of Rome in AD 43-45 without a fight. The magnificent Fishbourne palace, excavated by Professor Barry Cunliffe in the 1960s, had been thought to be Cogidubnus's reward for what some contemporaries must have regarded as treason.

The British Museum declined to comment last night on the significance of the find until a full survey of the site had been undertaken. The society is planning further excavations next year. "There may well be other military buildings there — if there are, that will add further weight to our theory," said Mr Manley.

Archaeologists at work excavating the remains of a major Roman garrison found in West Sussex; below, an artist's impression of how the fortress might have looked



Five teams left in contest to restart heart of bomb city

By Marcus Binney and Kate Alderson

FIVE teams of architects and urban designers were yesterday shortlisted in the contest to redesign the centre of Manchester after the IRA bomb that devastated the heart of the city in June.

They have been given £20,000 and six weeks to produce a plan to transform the city centre with parks, plazas, riverside cafes, shops, cycle lanes, tourist attractions, and better access for public transport. Empty warehouses and factory buildings could provide homes. The partnerships, announced by Sir Alan Cockshaw, chairman of Manchester Millennium, were drawn from 27 entries in an international competition.

The engineers Alan Baxter Associates, who specialise in historic buildings, propose a series of public spaces reinforcing the medieval part of the city. Another team includes Benjamin Thompson Associates of Cambridge, Massachusetts, who were behind successful projects to revive inner-city areas in America. They could provide a vibrant alternative to the grim Arndale shopping centre, and plan to make Piccadilly Gardens, a soulless and underused square, an events arena.

A third team includes Halliday Meecham Architects, a Cheshire-based firm specialising in urban planning and waterside design. Working with Richard Reid Associates, based in Kent, they want to deter private traffic from entering the city centre.

The consortium of Llewelyn Davies, Michael Hyde & Associates, JMP Consultants Ltd, Derek Lovejoy Partnership PLC, Roger Tym & Partners Ltd and DTZ Debenham Thorpe, is dominated by companies based in Manchester. They envisage a piazza near the cathedral, an urban village, a city park and arcades and canopies for the Arndale Centre.

Building Design Partnership and Donaldsons propose a city of "landmarks, views and vistas". They would recreate a cultural heart centred on the cathedral and Chetham's School of Music. The Metrolink system would be expanded and certain streets closed to traffic.

The Marks and Spencer store and its office tower, near the site of the massive blast, is to be demolished, as is the neighbouring Royal Insurance building. The Corn Exchange and Royal Exchange, two historic buildings extensively damaged in the blast, should be restored.

The leader of Manchester City Council, Richard Leese, said the rebuilding project constituted "an opportunity no city has had in this country for 40 or 50 years". The winner will be awarded £50,000.

Prisoner fails in challenge on early release

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

THE High Court yesterday rejected a prisoner's application to take a test case on early release before the law lords, describing it as "absurd and nonsensical and wholly unarguable".

Lord Justice Simon Brown conceded that there could be ambiguities in the 1967 Criminal Justice Act and suggested that the Government consider early legislation to clarify the law on the release of prisoners.

Two High Court judges gave detailed reasons for a decision last week in support of Michael Howard's ending of the fiasco in which 537 inmates had their sentences shortened. The early releases began after the Prison Service was advised that offenders serving consecutive sentences should have time spent on remand taken off each sentence rather than just one.

But yesterday Lord Justice Brown rejected a call for the House of Lords to consider as a matter of public importance the interpretation of the law on the release of prisoners in England and Wales.

Peter Weatherby, appearing for John Naughton, an inmate at Lindholme jail near Doncaster, said: "It is clearly a matter which affects thousands of serving prisoners, perhaps tens of thousands of ex-prisoners. It is a matter which has created grave disquiet in the community."

Lord Justice Brown refused to certify that a point of public importance had been raised. He said: "We have described the applicant's contention [for early release] variously as absurd and nonsensical and dismissed the challenge as wholly unarguable. With no hesitation in those circumstances we conclude it would be entirely inappropriate to certify a point of law of general importance."

The written judgment means that the challenge can go no further. Ann Widdecombe, the Prisons Minister, said: "The matter is now closed."

Lord Justice Brown said that one had only to give an example of the consequences to recognise the absurdity of the Naughton argument. If one of two co-defendants sentenced to five one-year consecutive terms had been remanded in custody for a year while the other was on bail, he would go free while his accomplice went to jail for five years. "Really such a situation is too absurd to contemplate," he said.

Mr Justice Popplewell said that Mr Weatherby had argued that any ambiguity in the law affecting a person's liberty should be construed in favour of the accused. That was "a valid consideration" but it was equally important "to interpret legislation, so far as possible, to equate with common sense". He added: "Happily common sense is still, I believe, a part of English common law."

The judges highlighted continuing problems for the Government over the release of inmates who are serving concurrent sentences. Lord Justice Brown suggested that the Home Secretary clarify the position with new legislation. He admitted that there might be ambiguity in the language of section 67 of the 1967 Criminal Justice Act with regard to the correct treatment of concurrent sentence cases.

Dock Green gives way to the Internet

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

LOCAL police stations with their traditional blue lamps and front counters will be replaced by hole-in-the-wall video links or Internet connections, a chief constable forecast yesterday.

John Newing, Chief Constable of Derbyshire and national police spokesman on technology, said that over the next 15 years forces facing cash pressures would close smaller stations and shut down main ones at night.

The public would be able to contact stations by using video links set in walls or kiosks in shopping malls with electronic links to police control centres. Technology already allows two-way conversation by video and several police kiosks with links are being tested.

Mr Newing told an international policewomen's conference in Birmingham that the Internet would allow the police to reach the public in their homes. People could file crime reports or check on the progress of investigations using computer links.

He said closures would free officers from station bureaucracy to go back on the streets, which was what the public wanted. He believed people would accept change.

If local stations were closed permanently police resources would be centralised. He said: "I don't see the public becoming worried provided they are getting a better service."

☐ Women police are harder working and better qualified than their male colleagues but still suffer discrimination, according to an international survey out yesterday. In Britain, 79 per cent complained of sexual harassment but only 19 per cent thought they were discriminated against over promotion.

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Ex-MoD scientist attacks funding

Crisis over BSE 'caught ministers totally off guard'

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

MINISTERS were caught completely off guard by the outbreak of mad cow disease, a former chief scientist at the Ministry of Defence said yesterday.

Sir Ronald Oxburgh, Rector of Imperial College, London, said very little research had been done before BSE "caught us unawares". Most of the research had been done in only a few places and had been highly academic.

"Overnight it became absolutely vital and it became apparent that we should have been doing much, much more research for years," Sir Ronald said at the launch of next week's annual festival of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, of which he is president.

Ministers dealing with the crisis had little experience of handling scientific advice or fitting it into government policy, he said. The realisation that BSE was a major crisis had dawned on them only this year, whereas it should have been apparent from 1986, when the first cases appeared.

Sir Ronald said Britain had tended to lag behind other countries in funding agricultural research: "We did underinvest, when compared with other leading scientific nations." He said that if research spending as a whole continued on its present path, Britain would no longer be in the top five scientific nations in ten years' time.

Sir Ronald, who was chief scientific adviser to the Ministry of Defence from 1988-93, said that when Baroness Thatcher was Prime Minister, many ministers were terrified of being challenged by her on their understanding of science. "I spent a lot of time briefing ministers with basic science, so they could avoid being handbagged," he said.

The BSE experience "may have given politicians a better feeling for the limitations of science". "We must get away from the idea that science can give us all the answers. That emerged after the war, in the Fifties and Sixties, and it's nonsense," Sir Ronald said.

He was critical of the decision to cut spending by universities on the maintenance of laboratories, imposed last year by the Department for Education and Employment. "The DfEE was persuaded by the Treasury that private finance would replace the money but it now realises it made a serious mistake."

The British Association meeting opens at Birmingham University on Sunday. More than 400 lecturers will address thousands of participants in Britain's biggest annual science festival. Local families are being invited to launch the festival in a fun day at the campus on Sunday.

A FARMER shot himself dead because he was worried that "mad cow" disease would ruin his business, an inquest was told yesterday. Wendy Rodney, whose husband William, 49, reared 300 beef cattle and 3,000 sheep near Healey in the Yorkshire Dales, said he had returned from market in despair after discovering that cattle prices had halved. His body was found in a sheep pen the next day with a shotgun. The coroner at Richmond, North Yorkshire, recorded a verdict of suicide.

Lisa Potts with victim Ahmed Malik and his sister Marium yesterday

Machete victims back to school

THREE children injured by a man wielding a machete as they held a teddy bears' picnic in their school playground were back at their desks yesterday after making a full recovery. Lisa Potts, 21, a nursery nurse who suffered serious injuries to her arms and back while trying to protect the children, will return to school in a few weeks. She was praised by police and colleagues for her actions.

Security has been stepped up at St Luke's Church of England School in Blakenhall, Wolverhampton, as a result of the attack on July 8. The children injured were classmates Reena Chopra and Francesca Quintyne, both aged four, and Ahmed Malik, three. Four adults, including Miss Potts, were hurt.

A man has been charged with seven counts of attempted murder.

New-born baby has ear for a melody

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

BABIES already have a taste in music at the age of four months, American psychologists have discovered. Like most adults, they dislike atonal music full of dissonances, preferring the sweeter sounds of consonant tones, as in traditional Western music.

This suggests that the taste for melodious sounds is inborn rather than learnt. Modern composers from Schoenberg onwards have argued that the preference is acquired through exposure to traditional music, and that those exposed to dissonance would soon learn to love it.

Marcel Zenmer and Jerome Kagan of the psychology department at Harvard put the claim to the test by exposing 32 infants — 16 of each sex — to a tune played in two different ways through a computer-controlled music synthesiser. The consonant version was played in major thirds, the dissonant version in minor seconds: the minor second is reckoned to be the most dissonant.

Each of the infants was placed in a seat facing the loudspeaker, which was covered with an attractive pattern of concentric circles. The psychologists watched to see how long the babies' eyes remained fixed on the patterns as the music was played. They found that the babies gazed longer at the patterns during the consonant version than the dissonant one. They also remained much quieter, moving less while the consonant version was played.

According to the scientists writing in *Nature*, this suggests that the babies actually prefer the smoother chords of the consonant music. To check whether this might be due to some of the babies having heard a lot of music, even at such a tender age, a questionnaire was given to their parents. The results showed that there was no relation between previous exposure to music and behaviour in the experiment.

"We suggest that the human infant may possess a biological preparedness that makes consonance perceptually more attractive than dissonance," they say.

Zoya: a model future

A-level girl takes a catwalk to stardom

A TEENAGER who five years ago spurned an opportunity to join a leading model agency yesterday won a competition for a contract with the agency.

Zoya Todorovic, 18, heard the news while on the catwalk in a show of clothes designed by students from the Central St Martins College of Art and Design in London. The 5ft 11in brunette, who achieved three As in her A-levels, said: "I never expected to win. It hasn't sunk in yet."

Zoya and her family moved to Britain from Belgrade when she was 2½. Since her early teens she has been approached by talent scouts, including Fiona Ellis of Models 1, which organised the competition. Miss Ellis saw Zoya in the Portobello Road Market, London, and gave the then 13-year-old her card. But Zoya, who was not initially interested in modelling, did not ring back.

Miss Ellis said: "I was delighted when she entered this competition. Zoya has a fantastic face and an incredible bone structure. Her face is like a blank canvas."

Despite the contract Zoya, whose mother modelled in the Sixties, wants to apply to Oxford or Cambridge to study economics. She said: "I want to keep my feet on the ground. I would like to be a model but I want to keep my options open."

Zoya, from Isleworth, west London, was one of five finalists in the New Faces of the Future competition partly sponsored by Walt Disney to mark the video release of *101 Dalmatians*.

Shipwreck skipper charged

Mark Litchfield, 55, from Boxley, Kent, captain of the world's oldest active square-rigged sailing vessel, *Maria Asumpta*, was charged at Bodmin Magistrates' Court with the manslaughter of Ann Taylor, 55, from Wallingford, Oxfordshire; John Shannon, 24, from Queensland, Australia; and Emily MacFarlane, 19, from Felixstowe, Suffolk.

The charges arise from the ship's wrecking on the Cornish coast last year.

Lottery online

Camelot, the National Lottery organiser, has opened a web site on the Internet — www.national-lottery.co.uk — providing information including draw results, the odds of winning and details of funding for good causes.

Soap star 'poorly'

The actress Jill Summers, who plays Phyllis Pearce in *Coronation Street*, is "poorly but stable" in hospital in Salford, Greater Manchester, where she was admitted on Tuesday. Miss Summers, 85, has a history of heart trouble.

Savings stolen

A 70-year-old woman lost her life savings of £6,000 when her handbag was snatched from a Liverpool restaurant. She had just withdrawn the money from her building society to spend on a trip to visit relatives in Canada.

Murder remand

A second man appeared in court yesterday charged with the murder of Lucy Burchell, 16, whose body was found dumped behind a nightclub in Birmingham. Tahir Khan, 26, was remanded in custody until September 10.

Kidd responds

Eddie Kidd, the motorcycle stunt rider injured in a crash three weeks ago, has been taken off a life-support machine and moved from the intensive care unit of

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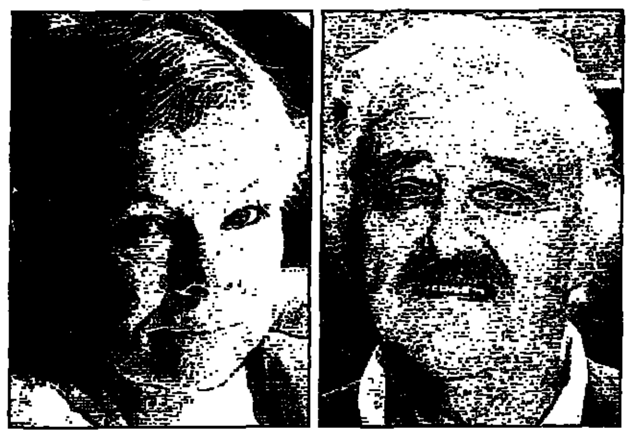
BBC revives the art of storytelling, dismissed last year as being of 'only limited appeal'

Jackanory to relive its finest quarter hours

By Carol Midgley



Telling performances: Dame Judi Dench and Bernard Cribbins. He made the most appearances

THE disappearing art of children's storytelling is to be revived in a re-run of vintage *Jackanory* programmes.

BBC1, which suspended the tea-time show last year, is to screen a series of "heritage" repeats which it says reflects the fact that, even in an age of sophisticated computer games, today's children value traditional story-telling.

A collection of programmes to be shown this autumn will include presentations by Dame Judi Dench, the late Kenneth Williams and Bernard Cribbins who, having clocked up 111 appearances, holds the record for reading the most *Jackanory* stories.

The move follows the BBC's decision last year to shelve the 31-year-old show. A strategy document declared that programmes rooted in traditional book-based story-telling were "of only limited appeal to children". Anna Home, head of BBC Television children's programmes, said yesterday that stories were still important to children, hence *Jackanory Gold*. In her book, *Into the Box of Delights*, she writes: "Watching television encouraged children towards books. This was always the thinking behind *Jackanory*."

A spokeswoman for BBC Children's TV added: "*Jackanory* was never axed. There has just been a break in production and no decision has been made about whether it will be brought back."

When the programme began in 1965 it was designed to help the growing number of working mothers to keep their children entertained. Within a few years the 15-minute slot had become an institution and celebrities deemed it an honour to be asked to appear. Viewing figures reached almost five million. In 1984, the Prince of Wales read his children's book *The Old Man of Lochnagar*.

The Jackanory repeats will be screened on BBC2 on Sundays at 8.30am. They will include Arthur Lowe reading *The Emperor's Oblong Pancake* and Jan Francis re-reading the first story ever told on *Jackanory*, *Cap of Rushes*. The Prince of Wales's programme will not be shown.

At the launch of the children's television schedule for autumn yesterday, Ms Home said there was an emphasis on classic drama and old-fashioned entertainment. It includes a Sunday teatime dramatisation of Mark Twain's *The Prince And The Pauper* starring Keith Michell playing Henry VIII for the fifth time. *The Queen's Nose* and *The Demon Headmaster* return on weekdays. "I believe that the success of these dramas proves that children still want traditional stories well told," Ms Home said.

☐ Channel 4 has joined forces with Waterstone's bookshops to find out what the public thinks are the greatest books of the 20th century. Ballot boxes will be stationed in every Waterstone's store until October 11 and Channel 4 will be broadcasting 15 programmes in which authors and celebrities talk about their favourite books from this century.

They include Jackie Collins, who has chosen Enid Blyton's *The Magic Faraway Tree*, and Ruth Rendell who nominated Ford Madox Ford's *The Good Soldier*.

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MARTIN KEENE

The Prince of Wales, who read his book *The Old Man of Lochnagar* in 1984

Drugs overdose was final tragedy in young stockbroker's life

By Peter Foster

Layton: injected heroin

A YOUNG stockbroker who died from a heroin overdose had suffered a string of personal tragedies, an inquest was told yesterday. Giles Layton, 24, was found on the floor of his bedroom with a hypodermic needle by his side in April.

Dr Timothy Cotton, Mr Layton's GP, told the inquest at Winchester that he was brought up by his mother after his father committed suicide when he was two months old. In the summer of 1994, Mrs Layton died of cancer; last year, Mr Layton's best friend died. Mr Layton had also been deeply upset by the death of his girlfriend, Heidi Arturi, 22, who killed herself when he tried to end their relationship. Miss Arturi hung herself with his scarf in his former flat in Winchester.

Dr Cotton said Mr Layton had been expelled from Winchester College for borrowing money from fellow pupils to feed his addiction to fruit machines. He had seen a child psychologist after stealing £750 from his mother. After her death, he made several suicide attempts and was prescribed anti-depressant drugs. Dr Cotton added: "He felt directly responsible for Miss Arturi's death because she had said if he did not marry her she would kill herself. He felt he was on a downhill spiral."

On the night of his death, Mr Layton had been drinking in Winchester with his close friend Peregrine Nunes Carvalho. The two had met at school in 1979 and kept in touch, meeting up at least one weekend a month. In a statement to police Mr Carvalho, who declined to attend the inquest, said they had returned to Mr Layton's flat and injected heroin. He said his friend took a shot of the drug and then promised to take a second.

Mr Carvalho, who said he had not taken heroin before, awoke at 7.30 the next morning and discovered his friend sitting slumped forward on the floor. "I thought he was going to be very uncomfortable sat like that so I nudged him, but he didn't move. He was cold and stiff." A post-mortem examination showed that Mr Layton had a very high level of morphine in his blood.

His flatmate, Paul Houghton, 49, a chef, told the inquest: "He was a happy go-lucky person who was doing well for himself. He always looked after himself and ate well. He had a flat, car and job and things seemed to be working out well for him." He knew Mr Layton had smoked cannabis but was sure he was not a regular heroin user.

Recording an open verdict, Simon Burch, the assistant deputy coroner for Mid Hampshire, said: "There is no evidence that he intended to take his own life on this occasion, but it is possible that the balance of his mind was disturbed by alcohol. It may be that he did not care very much whether he lived or died."

Thrifty camper spurns site and picks shocking place to pitch tent

By Michael Horsnell

A CAMPER survived a 33,000 volt shock when he pitched his tent inside an electricity sub-station after deciding to save money by not using a nearby campsite.

The holidaymaker, aged 23, ignored the danger signs and scaled a pair of 9ft high spiked fences to get into the site near Norwich at night. It seems he suffered a massive shock while lifting his metal tent pole, which probably touched high voltage equipment in the darkness. The alarm was raised by a passer-by who saw a flash and heard the man cry out. An ambulance crew had to wait for firemen to release him. The camper, whom police will not identify, suffered burns to his hands and was sent to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

David Betteridge, spokesman for Eastern Electricity, said: "This man is extremely lucky to be alive. To escape with only minor burns is extraordinarily fortunate. Sub-stations are extremely dangerous. It is difficult to imagine a more unsuitable place to put up a tent for the night."

The spokesman added: "He could have got a shock just from moving his pole too close to some of the electrical gear. It need not necessarily have touched it. It is possible his life was saved by his tent pole touching the ground so much of the voltage was earthed."

A Norfolk police spokesman said: "This man has been told in no uncertain terms that he should not have been in the sub-station."

Women's pay victory may cost councils millions

By Ian Murray
Community Correspondent

WOMEN have won the right to overtime pay in a test case which threatens to add millions of pounds to council wage bills.

It is the third case in the past year in which the courts have backed equal-pay claims by part-time women workers. The 54 home carers, employed by Knowsley council on Merseyside, fought their case at an industrial tribunal, demanding to be paid the same rates as male workers in comparable jobs.

They complained that they had been threatened with dismissal if they did not give up their overtime pay and accept a flat rate for working all hours, including weekends, Bank Holidays and evenings. Binmen and school caretakers continued to receive overtime payments.

In a written ruling yesterday, the tribunal said: "They are low-paid women in a market unsympathetic to them. Their agreement to the new arrangements did not amount to a genuine material factor which was not the difference of sex.

"They agreed to what was impermissible. The provisions of the Equal Pay Act supersede their agreement."

Unison, the public service union which backed the case, said the women could receive up to £500,000 in back pay between them. Paul Haunch, Unison's regional officer, said: "I am delighted that we have proved the council's actions were illegal.

"This settlement sends a clear signal to the council and other employers that they cannot pick on low-paid women workers and get away with it. Home carers perform a valuable service to the community and the council were trying to exploit their dedication and commitment to their clients, many of whom are the most vulnerable in our society."

Knowsley council said last night that the back pay would be "considerably less" than the union estimate. The council, which may appeal, said that the union had gone back on an agreement to accept a flat-rate pay scale for carers.

Last year the House of Lords ruled that North Yorkshire County Council had breached the Equal Pay Act when it cut the wages of school dinner ladies to compete with catering bids by private contractors.

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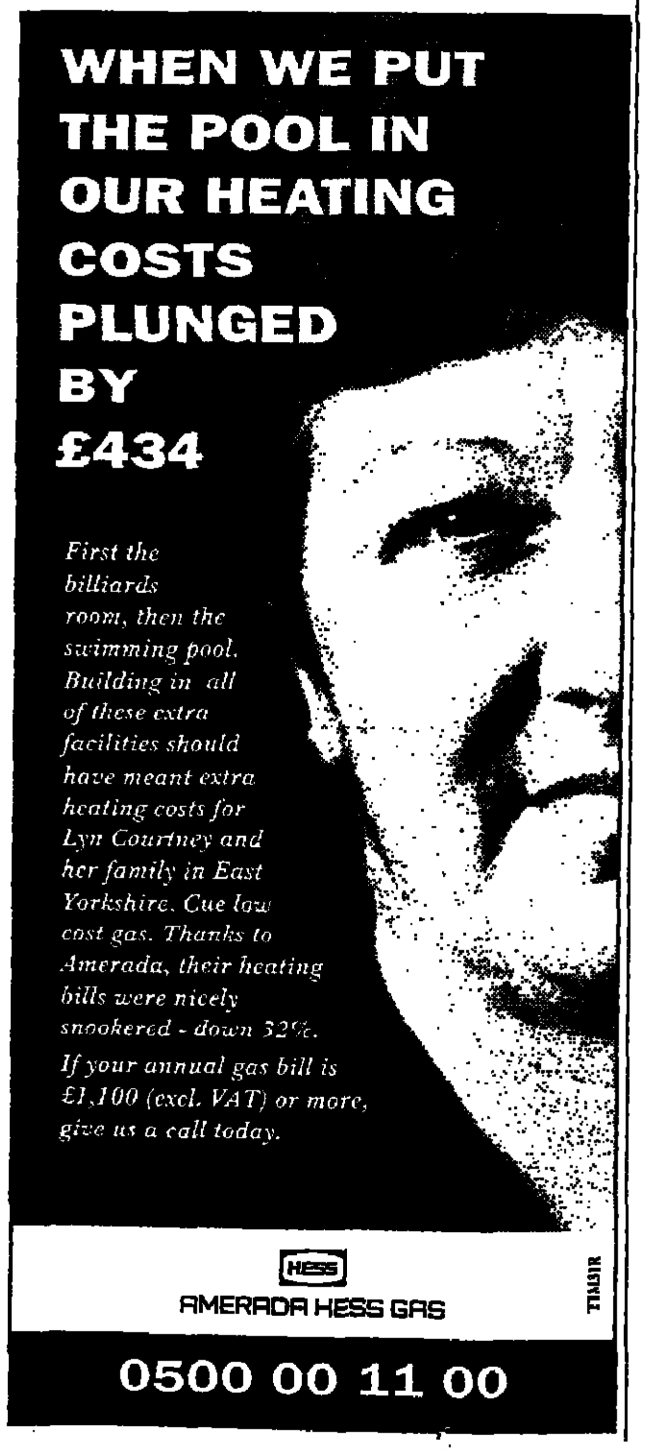

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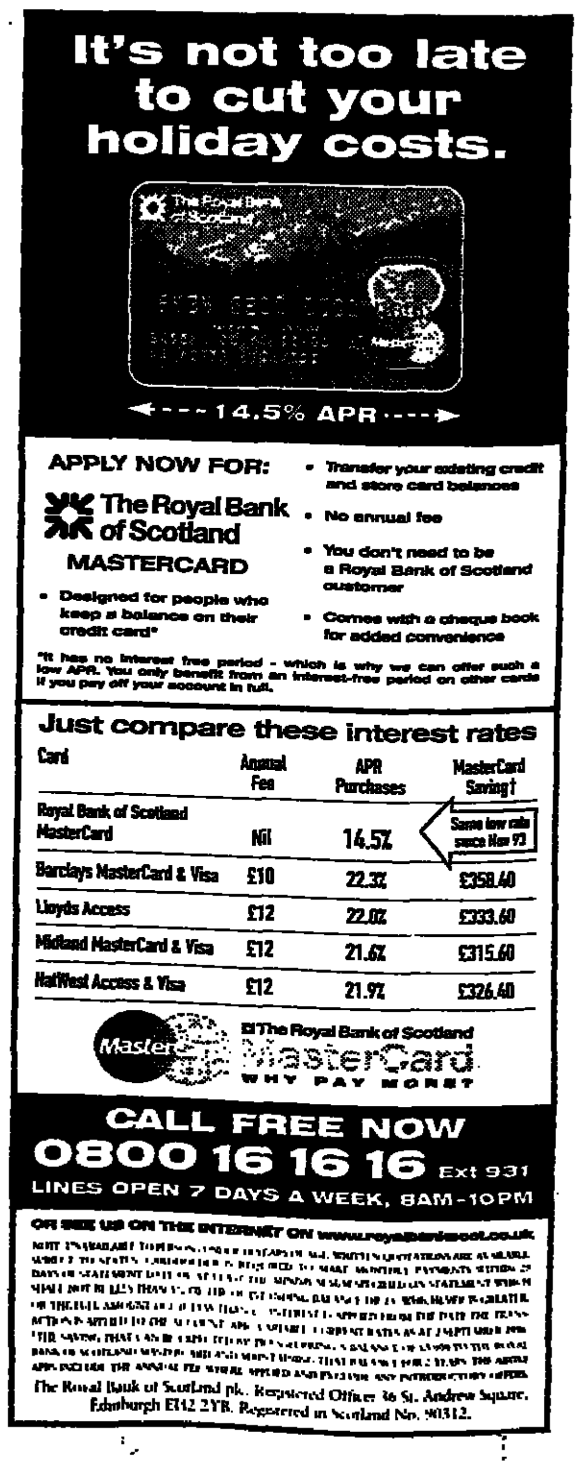

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Loyalists fear fresh attacks from resurgent INLA

■ The ending of one feud among republican terrorists and the threat of another starting among loyalists have increased the strain on Ulster's fragile peace, Nicholas Watt reports

PROTESTANTS are braced for attacks by republican terrorists after the Irish National Liberation Army ended an internal feud by murdering one of its former leaders, a prominent loyalist said yesterday.

Security sources voiced fears that the killing could lead to the fragile peace in Northern Ireland being broken by a twin threat from republican and loyalist extremists.

David Ervine, main spokesman for the Progressive Unionist Party, political wing of the Ulster Volunteer Force, said he feared that the INLA would try to "weld itself together" by attacking loyalists. His comments came after gunmen from the Belfast Brigade faction of the INLA murdered Hugh Torney, 42, the organisation's former chief of staff, in Lurgan, Co Armagh, on Tuesday night. A second man was seriously injured in the shooting, which marked the final demise of the Torney faction, known as the General Headquarters Staff.

Security sources echoed Mr Ervine's fears that the INLA, a small but brutal republican terrorist organisation, would now regroup and attack loyalists. During its 21-year history the INLA has been responsible for blatantly sectarian violence and has often been used by the IRA to carry out murders. There are also fears that militant loyalists, infuriated by the death threat from the Protestant paramilitary leadership against Billy Wright and Alex Kerr, will break the 22-month ceasefire. The home of Mr Kerr's parents was bombed on Sunday night in an attack linked to the paramilitary leadership and there are fears that this could provoke a major feud.

Hundreds of loyalists demonstrated last night in support of Mr Wright in his home town of Portadown, Co Armagh. The rally was held a week after the Combined Loyalist Military Command, the umbrella group for the three main Protestant terrorist organisations, ordered Mr Wright and Mr Kerr to leave Northern Ireland within 72 hours or face "summary justice".

Mr Wright, 36, who is nicknamed "King Rat", has survived a series of IRA attempts on his life and is defying the order from the loyalist command. He said: "The loyalist community is disgusted and bewildered at the direction of certain loyalist elements. The leaderships have totally lost touch with the popular mood."

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, will today discuss the recent upsurge in terrorist violence with Dick Spring, Ireland's Deputy Prime Minister, in Dublin. Their informal meeting, held before the resumption of the multiparty talks at Stormont at Monday, coincides with calls from mainstream Unionists for the fringe loyalist parties to be expelled from the talks.

The Democratic Unionists have said that the Progressive Unionist Party and the Ulster Democratic Party, political wing of the Ulster Defence Association, have breached the Mitchell principles of non-violence by refusing to condemn the death threat against Mr Wright. The Northern Ireland Office points out that the loyalist command has not yet broken its ceasefire. Mr Spring is also said to be keen that the loyalists remain at the talks as long as they maintain their ceasefire.

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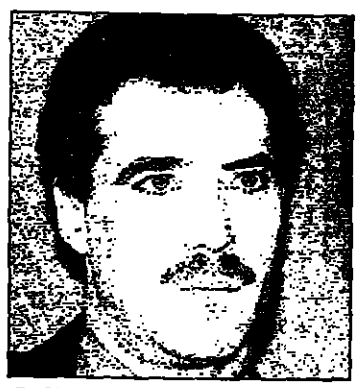
Hugh Torney, disguised in a blond wig, at a republican funeral

Murder of wayward former leader ends bloody internal republican feud



Gallagher: death sparked feud

By Nicholas Watt

THE murder of Hugh Torney, one of Northern Ireland's most notorious republican terrorists, ends a bloody feud within the Irish National Liberation Army which has claimed six lives this year.

Torney, 42, nicknamed Cueball for his habit of beating up opponents in prison with a pool ball wrapped inside a sock, was the leader of the General Headquarters faction which has now lost all its key members. It sparked the feud in January when a gunman walked into a social security office on the Falls Road in west Belfast and shot dead Gino Gallagher, who had ousted Torney as chief of staff of the INLA.

The differences between Torney and Gallagher's faction, known as the Belfast Brigade, dated back to April 1995, when Torney was arrested with three men outside Dublin with 26 rifles and 2,500 rounds of ammunition. Gallagher was infuriated when Torney tried to win favour with a judge at Dublin's anti-terrorist Special Criminal Court in July 1995 by claiming that the INLA had declared a ceasefire the year before. The terrorists had been reluctantly observing a ceasefire since the IRA truce of August 1994 after a senior figure in Sinn Fein and the IRA warned the INLA leadership that their graves were awaiting them if they broke ranks.

Within two months of Gallagher's murder his supporters began a ruthless purge of Torney's henchmen. John Fennell, 40, who founded the INLA with Torney in 1975, was beaten to death in a caravan park in Bundoran, Co Donegal, in March. During a bloody interrogation, Fennell "confessed" to delivering money to the gunman who murdered Gallagher.

Gallagher's supporters demonstrated their ruthless determination to stamp out Torney's faction when they murdered Barbara McAlorum, 9, in north Belfast in March in a mistaken shooting. The Belfast Brigade was said to have been unrepentant after shooting the child as she played in front of her parents in her living room.

The Gallagher faction struck again in May when they gunned down Dessie McCleery, 38, who was Torney's deputy. McCleery was shot in the crowded bar of a Belfast city centre pizza restaurant. The fifth Torney supporter, Fra Shannon, was murdered in Belfast in June.

Despite the claims of the INLA leadership to be revolutionary republican Marxists, Ulster observers believe that this year's brutal feud demonstrates that the organisation is little more than a collection of thugs, most of whom are IRA rejects. Torney was a typical example. He began his terrorist career in 1970 when he joined the official IRA in Ballymurphy in west Belfast. He first came to prominence in 1971 when, aged 17, he was shot by a soldier after he was caught with a shotgun. He was jailed for two years.

During the next two decades Torney was both a victim and a killer in a series of INLA feuds. In 1987 he narrowly escaped death when he and his associates were ambushed by a faction headed by Gerard "Dr Death" Steenson. Two men with Torney were killed, but he escaped with a hand injury. Torney ended the feud two months later when he murdered Steenson and another man in west Belfast.

Tourists stayed away as football came home

By Harvey Elliott

FEWER visitors from mainland Europe travelled to Britain in June than in either of the two previous months, despite the attraction of the Euro 96 football tournament.

Tens of thousands of tourists decided not to cross the Channel because of the influx of football supporters to England, it was claimed yesterday. Richard Tobias, of the British Incoming Tour Operators' Association, said: "Whenever there is a big international sporting event ordinary tourists stay away. During the Barcelona Olympics, for example, there were fewer visitors than normal. You simply get one type of tourist for another."

The British Tourist Authority, however, said June was still 20 per cent up on the same month a year earlier. "As far as we are concerned Euro 96 was a success because it gave England a high profile and cities such as Sheffield, Liverpool and Manchester benefited enormously," a senior official said.

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Thirty years on, Shelter sad to be in business

By Ian Murray

THIRTY years after the television play *Cathy Come Home* stirred the conscience of the nation, the need for housing is as acute as ever, according to a report published today by Shelter.

The charity for the homeless was founded in the same week the play was screened. It marked its anniversary yesterday by issuing figures showing that 200 families a day are losing their homes through repossession; 2,000 people a week are put into hostels; homelessness costs the health service £2 billion a year; and 50,000 children live in temporary accommodation.

"It is sad to be part of something that has had to be around for 30 years fighting for something so basic," Chris Holmes, the charity's director, said. "The need for Shelter is as great as ever."

The report highlights how the law splits homeless families. Last year saw a 50 per cent growth, from 1,331 to 1,954, in the number of households broken up in this way.

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Fury as crew leave 70,000 sheep to die in ship blaze

By Michael Hornsby

ANIMAL welfare campaigners expressed outrage yesterday that nearly 70,000 sheep had been left to die on a blazing Panamanian cargo ship en route from Australia to the Middle East.

The vessel, the 20,884-ton *Uniceb*, which set sail from Fremantle in Western Australia on August 23, bound for Aqaba in Jordan, was reported to be adrift in the Indian Ocean 400 miles northeast of the Seychelles after being abandoned by its crew.

Hugh Worth, the Western Australian president of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said the disaster added weight to the organisation's campaign to stop live sheep exports. "It is another classic example of why the trade should be abandoned," he said. "These sheep have been left to a horrific and cruel death."

All but one of the 55 *Uniceb* crew were reported to have been rescued by another cargo vessel, the *Mineral Century*, on Monday after a fire which started in the engine room on Thursday spread to their quarters. Mark Leech, a spokesman for LLP Ltd in Colchester, Essex, which collates shipping accident reports for *Lloyd's List*, said: "We understand that the chief engineer fell overboard during the evacuation and has been listed as missing. A tug from Djibouti and another livestock transport vessel in the area are heading for the *Uniceb*."

There was no immediate news of the fate of the 67,488 sheep which are said to have been housed on the ship's eight cargo decks. The vessel has been carrying sheep from Australia to the Middle East for the past 14 years.

Martin Potter, head of the farm animal division of the RSPCA in Britain, said: "This is a disgraceful trade which all reasonable people should oppose. I understand that vets are generally not present on board these ships."

For the past 15 years, Australia has shipped about five million sheep annually to destinations in the Middle East, including Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Oman and Bahrain, according to the RSPCA.

Last year the South African Government turned down a request by domestic meat traders to be allowed to import Australian sheep because of the high number of animals which die during the three-week voyage to the Middle East. Rudolph Bigalke, a former deputy director-general at the South African Department of Agriculture who led a fact-finding mission to Australia, said: "We found that about 100,000 sheep die every year because they refuse to feed or succumb to bacterial infection under the stress of the journeys."

Large numbers of sheep have died in previous accidents on their way from both Australia and New Zealand to the Middle East, according to the RSPCA. In 1980, 12,000 were drowned when the *Star of Shaddia* sank in the Red Sea. In a second accident in the same year, 40,605 sheep died in a fire on board the *Farid Fares*. In 1990, about 10,000 sheep on board the *Cormo Express* died from lack of proper ventilation.

Joyce D'Silva, director of Compassion in World Farming, which led last year's protests in Britain against calf exports to Europe, said: "This is another appalling incident in a trade that should have stopped long ago. It shows long-distance transport of livestock cannot be properly policed and is inherently cruel."

The *Uniceb* is owned by a Panamanian company, Mazamet Shipping, and managed by Accord Shipping in Bombay.

Although the sheep could be killed and shipped in carcass form, there is a big demand in the Middle East for live animals which can be slaughtered locally in accordance with Muslim ritual.

Emily Kame Kngwarreye, who gave the large sums of money her paintings earned to her Aboriginal people

Death of artist from outback Utopia

Sydney: Emily Kame Kngwarreye, an Aboriginal artist hailed as one of Australia's foremost painters, has died. Emily, as she was known, lived all her life in her tribal land of Utopia, 180 miles northeast of the outback town of Alice Springs, where she died in hospital on Tuesday.

She is believed to have been born about 1910. She had shown little interest in the large sums of money her work commanded: she slept under the stars and distributed her earnings among her people.

She had only begun to paint on canvas in the late 1980s, but her ability to bridge the gap between Aboriginal and white Australian art quickly brought her international recognition, and prices of some of her works rocketed to a reported $A200,000 (£100,000).

Emily, who was awarded a fellowship by Paul Keating, then the Prime Minister, was an extremely prolific artist and her works are hung in Australia's major galleries, including the National Gallery in Canberra, and in private collections around the world. *(AFP)*

WORLD SUMMARY

Rescue for Arctic tourists

Hamburg: A group of 149 tourists stranded on board a German cruise ship that ran aground near King William Island in Canada's Northwest Passage a week ago will be evacuated, the vessel's operator said yesterday.

Hanseatic Tours said that 120 of the mostly American and German passengers on board the ship, the *Hanseatic*, would be transferred to the ice-breaker *Captain Dranitsyn* and continue their voyage today after attempts to refloat the ship had failed. The 29 others had chosen to return home. *(Reuter)*

Storm heading for Caribbean

New York: A weary Caribbean is braced for another hurricane in what is fast becoming a vintage season for violent storms (Quentin Letts writes). Hurricane Fran, already whirling at 115mph and classified as a serious category three, was moving towards the American continent. The weather forced Nasa technicians in Florida to order "garaging" in its bay of the Atlantis shuttle, delaying its scheduled September 14 blast-off.

Neo-Nazis on race charges

Bonn: Twelve neo-Nazis, aged 16 to 23, have been arrested and charged with attacks last month on a new hostel for foreigners seeking asylum in Germany, police in the eastern state of Saxony said. The dozen were arrested by a special police unit set up to combat violence by the extreme Right. They were released on bail on charges of racial incitement. *(AFP)*

Colombia rebels hold 60 troops

Rebels of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia yesterday told the International Committee of the Red Cross in Bogotá that, after a week of clashes with security forces, they had captured 60 soldiers (Gabriella Gamini writes). The guerrillas said they would hold them hostage until the Government agreed to talks.

Coils burn out

Iligan, Philippines: A snake that slithered into a national power installation was electrocuted by a high-tension wire, triggered an explosion and caused a two-hour power cut in this southern city. *(Reuter)*

Tanzania forces US plane to detour

From Reuter in Bujumbura

A US Air Force C141 Starlifter transport aircraft flew out of Burundi yesterday after a seven-hour delay caused by Tanzania's refusal to allow it to overfly its territory, airport officials said.

The aircraft left as renewed fighting between government troops and Hutu rebels flared to the east of Bujumbura. The army was using two helicopter gunships and mortars to repel the rebels in some of the fiercest fighting since the coup on July 25.

Officials said that the aircraft headed for Nairobi, the Kenyan capital, with 31 passengers, mainly diplomats and aid workers, after Rwanda and Uganda granted it permission to overfly.

Tanzania had refused to let the aircraft into its airspace, saying that the flight was affected by regional sanctions against Burundi. African states have banned all air links with Burundi as part of sanctions imposed after the military coup.

The fighting to the east of Bujumbura was described as fairly intense by Lieutenant-Colonel Isaie Nibizi, an army spokesman, and was continuing. The colonel said yesterday's fighting, which came after sharp clashes between the army and rebels the day before, started after the rebels attacked targets on the eastern outskirts of Bujumbura city and the Tutsi-dominated army sent reinforcements to tackle them.

Residents said they saw helicopters take off to attack rebel positions and heard mortars in the latest battle around Tshiangano, only a few miles from the city. On Tuesday night Hutu rebels had launched a fierce attack, but the army said yesterday they had been repelled.

'Extinct' pheasants discovered

Hanoi: A species of pheasant long thought to have become extinct has been rediscovered in central Vietnam.

David Hulse, a representative for the World Wide Fund for Nature, said villagers had caught a mating pair of Edwards's pheasant in the Bach Ma National Park last week.

The last known capture of the species was in 1928, but the Edwards's pheasant had already been considered rare five years earlier when Jean Delacour, a French ornithologist, took 15 of the birds back to Paris. Three expeditions conducted between 1988 and 1994 failed to sight one.

Mr Hulse said the female pheasant had since died of injuries sustained while being captured and the male had a broken leg. However, he said, their discovery indicated that the existence of a wild population was highly probable.

Dawood Ghaznavi, a programme director for the fund, said: "Rediscovering this pheasant after 70 years means mankind has a second chance to save this exquisite bird and its habitat." The Edwards's pheasant, only found in Vietnam, has dark blue-black plumage. *(Reuter)*

THE TIMES / DILLONS FORUM

Tony Blair

New Britain — my vision of a young country

READERS are invited to a forum where Tony Blair, the leader of the Labour Party since July 1994, will set out his political vision and priorities for a new Britain. The audience will have the opportunity to question Mr Blair's views on a raft of policy areas, from taxation to the minimum wage, the National Health Service to education.

Chaired by Peter Stothard, Editor of *The Times*, the forum marks the publication of Mr Blair's book, *New Britain — My Vision of a Young Country* (Fourth Estate, £8.99), and will be at the Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1, on Thursday, September 19 at 7.30pm.

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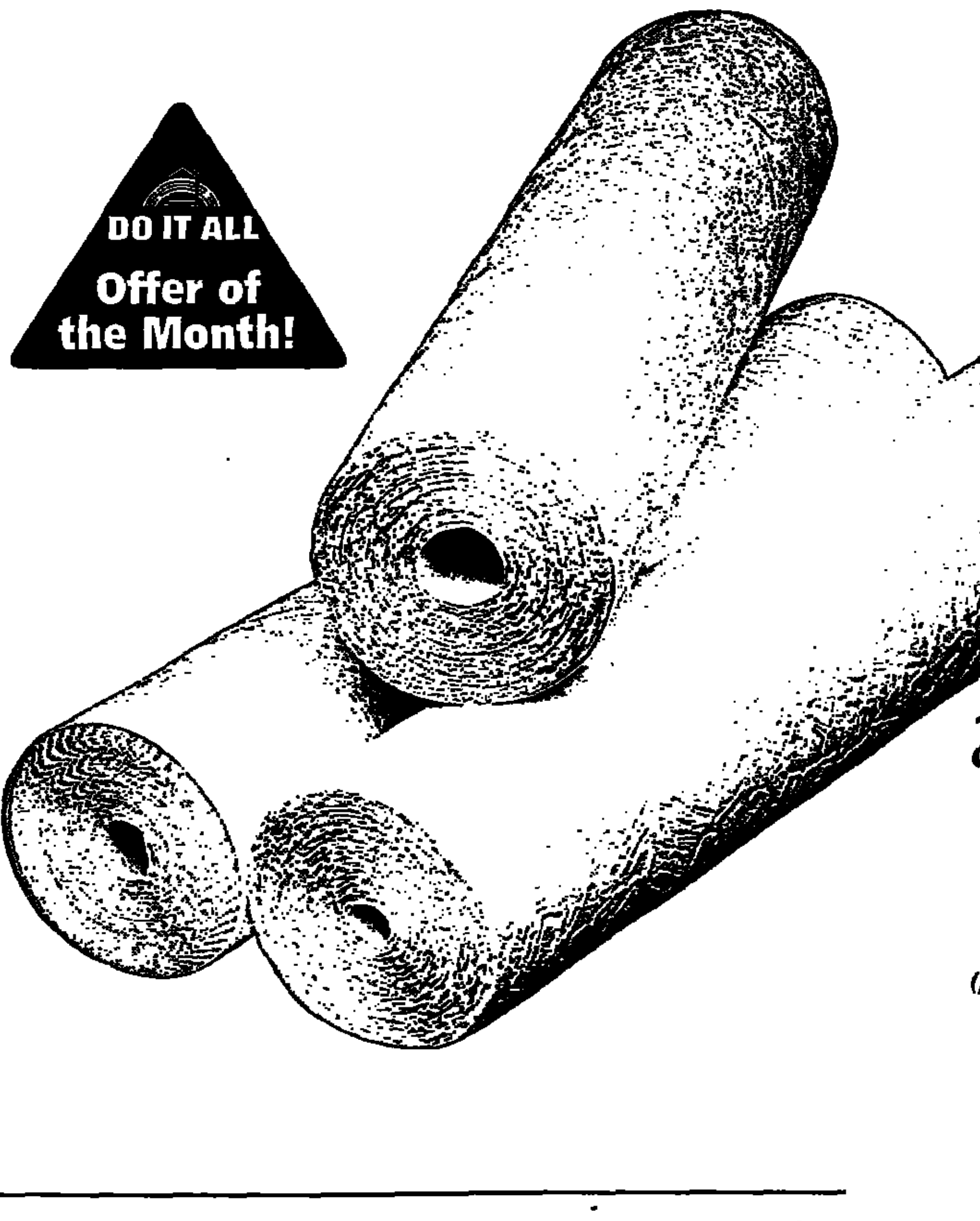

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King vows to make sure Belgian sex network is broken

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

KING ALBERT II of the Belgians yesterday promised the parents of four murdered girls he would ensure that nothing would stop investigators uncovering the paedophile network around Marc Dutroux, whose actions have sparked a national crisis.

The King and Queen Paola met the parents of An Marchal, Eefje Lambreks, Mélissa Russo and Julie Lejeune a day after the bodies of the first two were found buried under a shed owned by Dutroux near Charleroi. Dutroux told the police after his arrest last month that he had kidnapped An, 17, and Eefje, 19, as they waited for a tram in Ostend a year ago. The bodies of Mélissa and Julie, both eight, were found in an earlier police search of Dutroux's premises last month.

The King's gesture was his first after criticism from the victims' parents last month about his failure to respond to their appeals for help in the year after their disappearance.

Meeting the parents at the royal palace yesterday, King Albert voiced his horror over the crimes and his determination to ensure that "no trail is ignored" in the hunt for those involved. He would keep a close watch on the case so that "total clarity prevails in this drama and that no ambiguity can endure".

The remark was a response to the outrage in Belgium after evidence emerged that no action was taken against Dutroux, a convicted child rapist, despite police reports casting suspicion on him.

Echoing widespread public feeling, the media have claimed that Dutroux and his ring enjoyed protection from influential figures in the establishment. Nine people, including Dutroux's wife, Michèle, have been arrested.

The failure of Jean-Luc Dehaene, the Prime Minister, to take a prominent role in the affair last month sharpened the public sense of official indifference. Over the past week, he has been seeking to repair the damage. He sent his condolences to the Marchal and Lambreks parents. "This is truly monstrous. We must do everything we can to make sure this does not happen ever again," he said.

While digging continued at four other premises owned by Dutroux yesterday, Michel Bourlet, the chief prosecutor, denied media reports that the police were on the verge of charging other police officers and judicial officials.

☐ **Three shot:** Belgians were shocked by more killings yesterday when the bodies of a couple and their grandson, seven, were found in eastern Belgium, all apparently shot. The police said that the shootings in Comblain-au-Pont were not linked to the Dutroux case. *(AP)*

Setback to Paris hope on single currency

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE French economy shrank by 0.4 per cent in the second quarter of this year, according to figures released yesterday, raising fresh doubts that the Government will cut its budget deficit in time for economic and monetary union.

The disappointing result partly reflected a sharp drop in consumer spending, hit by high unemployment and fears of a repeat of last year's strikes. The first-quarter growth was revised down from 1.2 to 1.1 per cent.

The Government has predicted full-year growth of 1.3 per cent and Alain Lamassoure, the budget minister, insisted yesterday that it was "still not impossible". He said the lower figures were partly due to the smaller number of working days in the period covered.

Some recovery is expected in the third quarter, but many economists doubt France can meet growth predictions.

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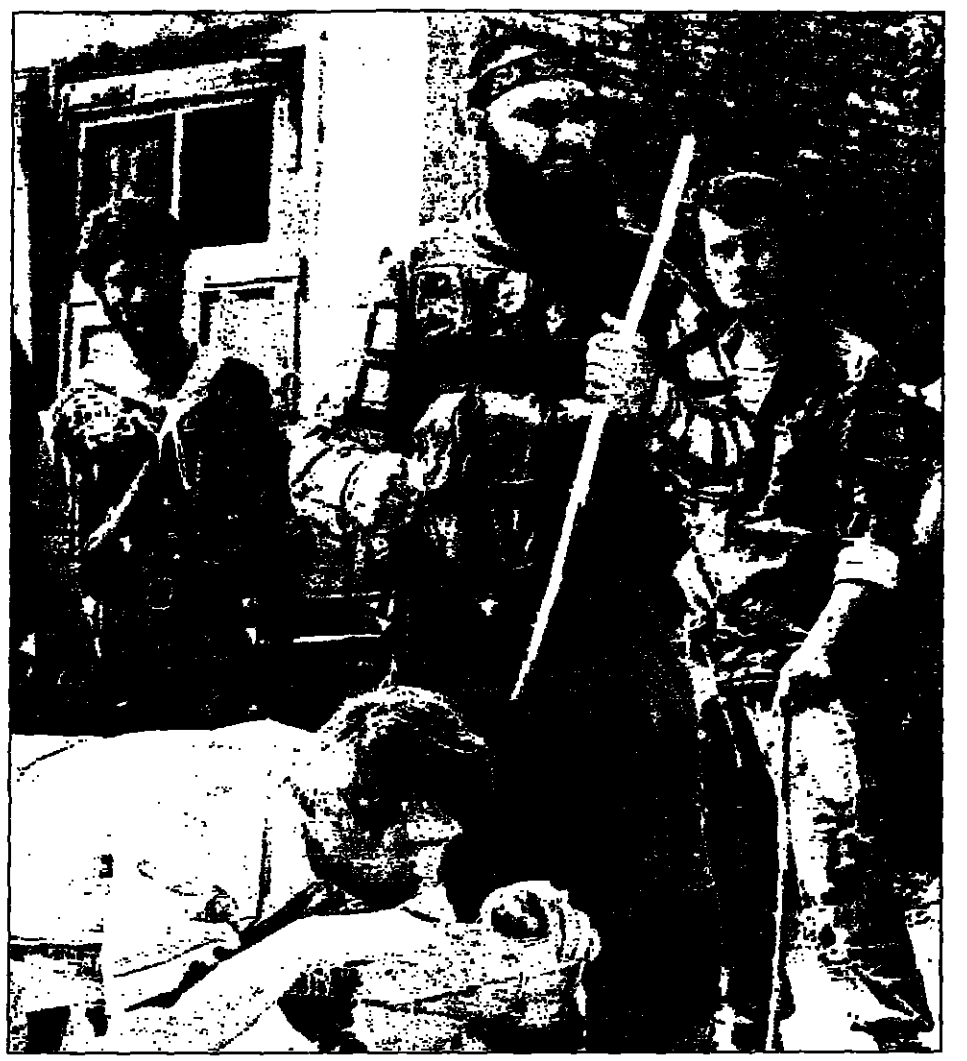

A man in Grozny prepares to be beaten by one of the Chechen rebels who are rigorously applying Islamic law. Each of the five offenders received 40 lashes

Chechen drunks flogged in public

Grozny: Chechen separatist rebels, applying strict Islamic law, carried out judicial beatings yesterday as they tightened their grip on the regional capital. Some of those punished were found drunk in public and at least one was beaten for selling alcohol.

After a brief recitation of the crime and sentence, a sweating, bearded fighter, draped in ammunition belts and wearing a headband bearing a quotation from the Koran, beat the backs and legs of the five offenders. Such beatings have become common practice in Grozny, the Chechen capital, as the Muslim separatists have stamped their mark on the city they seized from the Russian Army in fierce fighting last month.

Each of the offenders received 40 blows. Most squirmed and squealed, but clung to the bench as the blows fell. For the last man, however, it was too much; he screamed and wriggled off the bench. His jailers said his punishment was stopped so that he would not be humiliated before the crowd. *(Reuter)*

Last stand for place names of Wild West

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

RESIDENTS of Minnesota are refusing to comply with a new law which demands that place names incorporating the word "squaw" be changed.

Critics of the rule, introduced last month, say it is political correctness gone mad and will dilute the pioneer heritage of the old Wild West. Supporters of the measure argue that "squaw", the term used by white settlers to describe Indian women, has a vulgar etymology and is offensive to native Americans.

The law was passed after pressure from Indian pressure groups whose linguists investigated the derivation of "squaw" and claimed that it was a French corruption of an Algonquin slang term for the female reproductive organ.

So it is that a quiet spot such as Squaw Pond in Minnesota's Cass County has been officially renamed Scout Camp Pond. Nearby Squaw Lake has become Nature's Lake and people looking for a Squaw Creek will have to get used to Fond du Lac Creek.

In far-flung Lake County, however, residents have described the law as an absurdity and their steadfast refusal to change the name of Squaw Bay could lead to court action. Local officials offered to change the name to Politically Correct Bay, but this was turned down by state officials who considered it impertinent. Other communities have tried to emulate their dissent. The people of Squaw Lake township offered to rename it No Name Lake or Changing Name Lake, but were not allowed to do so. They have had Pretty Water Lake forced on them even though, as one local woman pointed out, "it's actually muddy water".

The controversial law, which has affected about 20 place names in the state, was announced last year by Minnesota's Commissioner of Natural Resources. It followed a 1967 ruling by the US Geological Survey's Board on Geographic Names which forced places with "nigger" in their names to be changed to "negro". Chinamen's Spring in Yellowstone National Park was altered to Chinese Spring.

The refusal of some places to accept the latest ruling has prompted Minnesota's Department of Natural Resources to take advice from the state attorney-general. "We fully intend to accomplish this," an official said.

People have also wondered what the future holds for the likes of Breast Island, Bastard Butte, Bitch Mountain and for Sex Peak Lookout in Montana. There are also 67 Cripple Creeks around the United States, but perhaps not for long.

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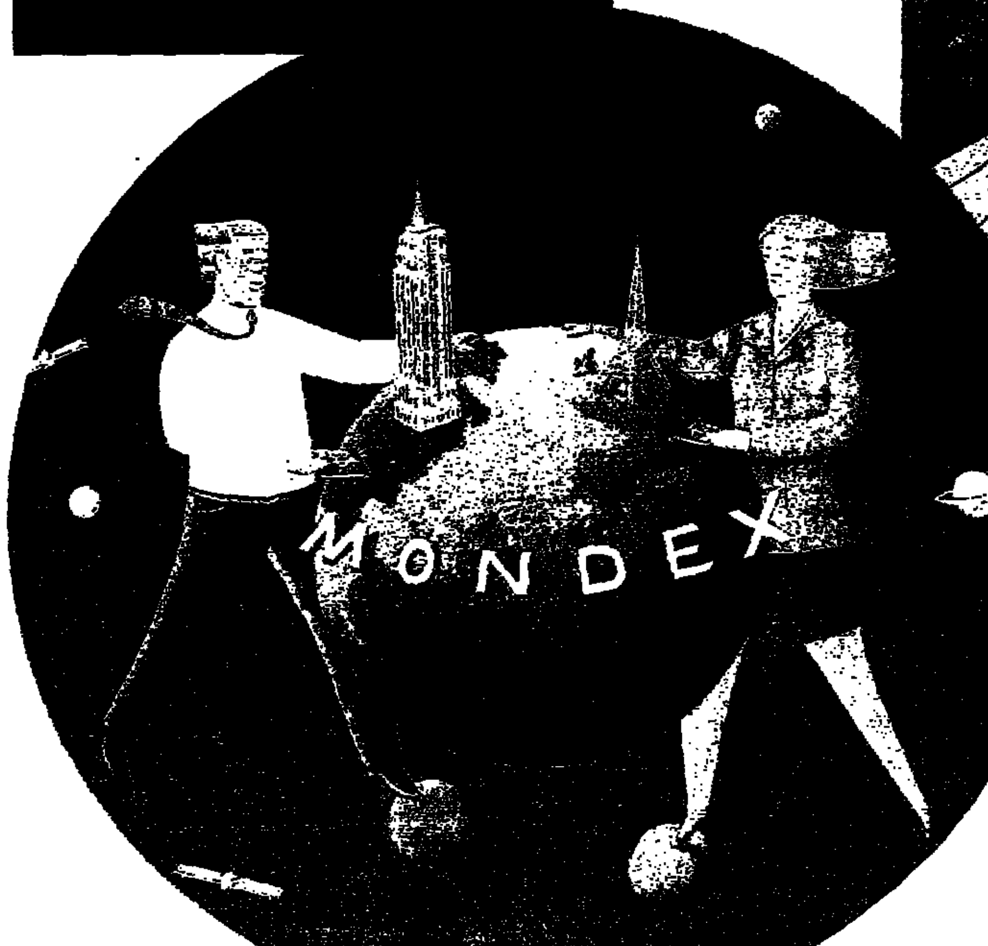

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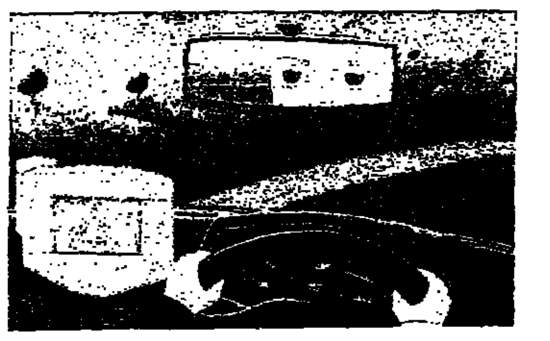

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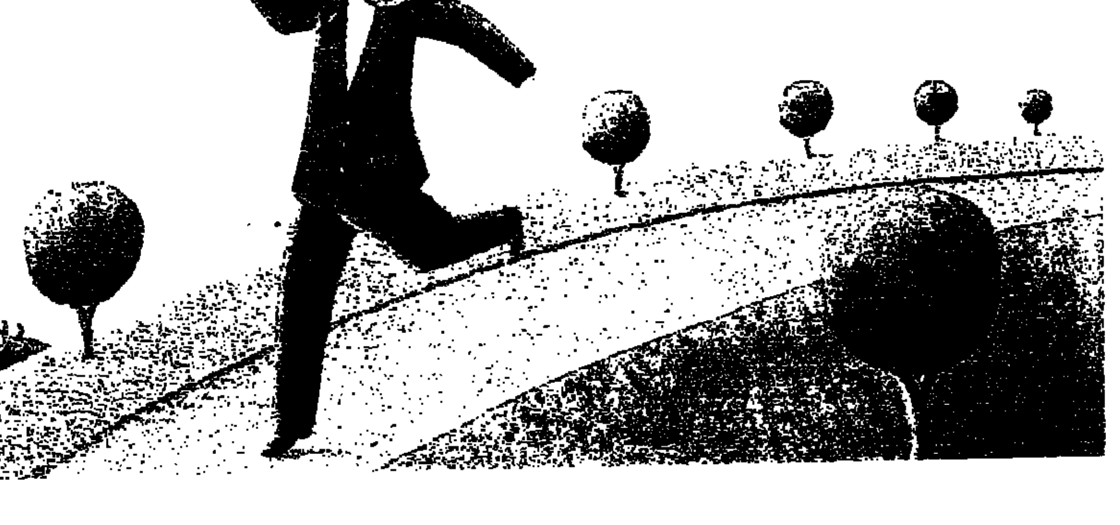

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How Saddam's desert marauders ambushed Clinton campaign caravan

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER
IN WASHINGTON

AMERICA

LAST Saturday President Clinton stopped his campaign bus on a quiet road in rural Tennessee and Vice-President Al Gore, who had been following in another vehicle, hopped on board.

By the time the motorcade reached the town of Covington for the President's next rally, the two men had endorsed the recommendations of a memorandum from Tony Lake, his National Security Adviser. They agreed that the US should launch missile attacks against targets in the south of Iraq in response to the country's attack on the Kurdish city of Arbil. That decision was the culmination of a two-week process that began when the CIA spotted Iraqi troop movements on August 18 — the night of Mr Clinton's 50th birthday party in New York.

At first the CIA suspected the Iraqi movements were training exercises. Within a week it was expressing "reasonable confidence" that President Saddam Hussein was preparing an offensive. Mr Clinton had already begun a four-day train journey to the Democratic convention in Chicago, and the White House formed an inter-agency working group, including representatives from the Pentagon, State Department, CIA and the National Security Council, to develop possible US responses.

Eight days ago the CIA declared an Iraqi offensive almost certain. As Mr Clinton travelled through Ohio, he approved a strong diplomatic warning to Saddam. The next day — Thursday — the President began considering military options as he prepared for his crucial convention speech and grappled with the resignation of his top political adviser, Dick Morris, because of a sex scandal.

Having delivered his speech, Mr Clinton embarked early last Friday on a two-day campaign bus tour through the heartlands, receiving constant briefings while on the road. Mike McCurry, his Press Secretary, publicly warned Baghdad. Mr Clinton sent a second private warning to Iraq's United Nations mission. When the mission refused to accept it, US officials faxed it instead.

The Iraqis attacked on Saturday. Mr Clinton approved Mr Lake's memorandum, which was based on the working group's recommendations and honed by William Perry, the Defence Secretary, Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, and others. He then began seeking allied support. He dispatched emissaries to the Middle East and made calls on Sunday to John Major, Egypt's President Mubarak, and Kings Fahd and Husain of Saudi Arabia and Jordan. On Monday, he telephoned President Chirac of France from a a rally in Wisconsin. M Chirac objected, but American B52s had already left Guam.

Mr Clinton can expect an immediate electoral boost from the strikes. Americans traditionally rally behind their Presidents when they order US forces into action. But the operation is also inherently risky.

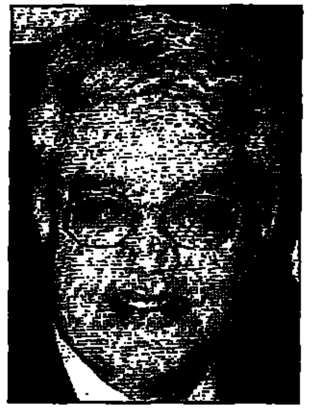
One of Mr Clinton's two top strategic concerns is to hold together the fragile international coalition against Iraq. White House officials insist the allies are privately far more supportive of the strikes than they have been publicly, but US congressmen and newspapers expressed grave disappointment yesterday at the failure of key allies to back the operation. John McCain, a Republican senator and Bob Dole adviser, presaged what could become a potent line of attack during the rest of the campaign when he lamented that Mr Clinton "didn't take the time or effort to get the coalition together again". *The Wall Street Journal* argued that the allies' recalcitrance reflected "slipping worldwide confidence in US international leadership".

The other worst-case scenario for Mr Clinton is that Saddam refuses to withdraw his forces or attacks other Kurdish cities. "I hope that the Administration has a plan B, because it's not clear to me that 27 and 17 cruise missiles ... is going to be sufficient to deter Saddam," said Mr McCain.

Baghdad 'will be destroyed' if Scuds are fired

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL



Levy: Israel "will do what it has to do"

DAVID LEVY, the Israeli Foreign Minister, delivered a blunt warning yesterday of a harsh and immediate response if Iraqi Scud missiles are fired at the Jewish state in revenge for the American missile attacks. Some Israeli experts have predicted that, if chemical weapons were used, the result would be "the destruction of Baghdad".

In an interview with *The Times*, his first with a foreign journalist since the election in May, Mr Levy, 59, said that Israel still regarded President Saddam Hussein as a threat and he confirmed indirectly that warnings had been given to the Iraqi dictator via diplomatic channels about the ferocity with which Israel would react to any attack with non-conventional weapons.

Mr Levy, who was also Foreign Minister during the 1991 Gulf War, hinted strongly that Israel would not act with the same restraint this time if hit by any Scud missiles. In the last conflict, under heavy American pressure, it withstood 39 missile attacks without response in an attempt to keep the Arab world in the international coalition against Saddam.

Asked if Israel now felt freer to react to any provocation, Mr Levy, speaking as thousands of anxious Israelis queued for gas masks and spoke to phone-in programmes about their anxieties, said: "Every situation demands its own response. Our thinking at the time was to enable the international coalition to accomplish its goals. Unfortunately, the threat and the danger of Saddam Hussein remained intact.

"Saddam is unpredictable. His way of thinking is not always rational, and you cannot predict how he will act. One thing is clear: he was a threat and he remains a threat. Obviously, because of experience, we consider ourselves to be under threat." Mr Levy said on the eve of a crucial five-nation European tour that will include meetings in London, Paris, Bonn, Rome and Dublin. He will also hold talks on the Iraqi crisis in London on Sunday with Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State.

Mr Levy, a Moroccan-born former building worker widely regarded as a moderate in the right-wing Cabinet of Binyamin Netanyahu, spoke in Hebrew through an interpreter. He said: "If, on top of current events, a direct threat to Israel from Iraq will be added, it is clear that Israel will do what it has to do out of a sense of responsibility for the security of its citizens. And it has the capability for it."

Some senior diplomats have speculated that Israel might resort to its nuclear capability in the event of a chemical or biological weapons attack so often threatened by Saddam during the 1991 Gulf War. Asked if Iraq had been warned during that conflict or during the latest flare-up, or whether any warning had been passed to Baghdad through a third party, Mr Levy said: "Those who are close to us know exactly what our response might be if this might happen."

In a separate interview yesterday with the Tel Aviv newspaper *Yediot Aharonot*, Professor Amatzia Baram, of Haifa University, Israel's leading expert on Iraq, was asked if Saddam was "crazy enough" to launch chemical or biological missiles. "The Iraqis understand — and there is proof of this in their print media — that the price of an attack on Israel with non-conventional weapons would be the destruction of Baghdad," he replied.

The seriousness with which a potential freak revenge attack is being regarded by many Israelis was underlined in the Hebrew newspaper *Haaretz*, which led with the deliberately vaguely worded headline: "Israel takes unspecified 'technical steps' to prevent element of surprise if Iraq launches Scud missiles at Israel". Israeli intelligence sources were quoted as assessing that Saddam has "at least ten Scud launchers and dozens of missiles".

Questioned about the near-panic response of many Israelis to the fear of renewed missile attacks, Mr Levy said: "We are normal people. We know from our experience, because of what we have lived through, that we are dealing with someone who does not have any boundaries.

"It is natural that people here are worried and it is also normal that a government will follow the situation with a cold eye. We do not panic, but we are not idle."

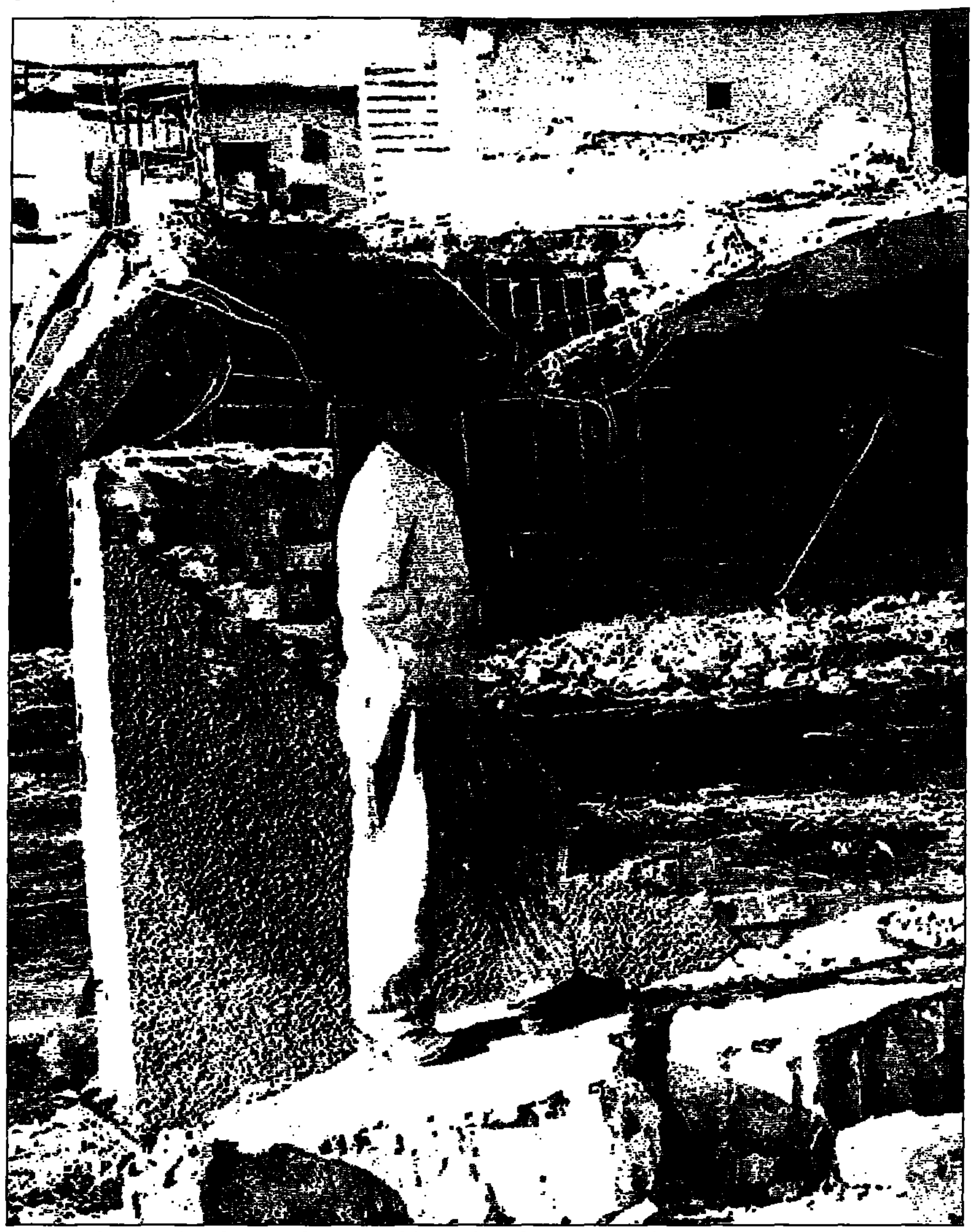
In diplomatic circles, the Foreign Minister's tough public warning to Iraq was seen as the more significant because of his reputation as a relative moderate in a Cabinet of hawks. That reputation was founded when an Israeli inquiry showed that he was the only Cabinet member who questioned the wisdom of allowing Christian militiamen into Beirut refugee camps surrounded by the Israeli army in 1982. They massacred hundreds of Palestinians.

Mr Levy, a father of 12 who lives in the provincial town of Bet Shean, showed his mettle during the difficult early days of the formation of the new Likud-led coalition. He refused to take up his post as Foreign Minister until Ariel Sharon, a hardliner, was found a suitable Cabinet post.

Yesterday, seated in his modestly furnished office, Mr Levy made clear that Arab nations as well as Israel were under threat from Baghdad. "The issue of the Iraqi threat concerns the entire region. Even those [in the Arab world] who do not express public support for the US, bear in their hearts deep fears of the situation."

Pilot tells of 34-hour flight

One of the B52 pilots who flew in the first strike said the non-stop 27,000-mile trip from Guam to Iraq and back lasted almost 34 hours and he had to refuel in the air four times. The entire flight was over water rather than land, a political decision which the pilot, Lieutenant-Colonel Floyd Carpenter, said was made "above my pay grade". The plane carried extra crew and the galley was jammed with chicken sandwiches. There were small bunks where crew could rest, but "if you get two hours of sleep you're lucky," the colonel said.



An Iraqi boy stands in the ruins of a house which, it is claimed, was destroyed by an American missile on Monday

Kurd dilemma confronts West

BY MARC WELLER

COMMENT

LED by America, the Western coalition powers have undertaken a difficult task in trying to extend a protective umbrella over the Kurds.

Not only have the Kurds failed to present a united front, but their very existence poses a dilemma. Their aim, a Kurdish state, is as abhorrent to their enemies as it is unacceptable to their protectors.

The international community has therefore tolerated their presence in a state of limbo. When Iraq's war machine turned on the Kurds at the end of the Gulf War, the United Nations Security Council adopted a resolution condemning their repression by Iraq and demanding humanitarian access to refugees struggling to reach Turkey.

The Council did not authorise military enforcement of these demands, but the coalition powers acted on their own, briefly deploying ground troops to protect and repatriate the displaced in April 1991.

Iraq agreed to the establishment of a UN humanitarian presence throughout its territory, including the north. In accordance with a memorandum of understanding, a 500-strong unit of lightly armed UN "guards" was deployed in the region. The memorandum was to apply only for a limited period and proved difficult to renew. It did not suggest, however, that northern Iraq would be turned into a "no-go" area for Baghdad.

Potential military advances by Baghdad's forces on the ground were deterred through the no-fly zone north of the 36th parallel. But the allies often affirmed their commitment to Iraq's territorial unity.

In August 1992 the coalition also established a no-fly zone in southern Iraq. The aim was to be able to monitor the situation of the so-called Marsh Arabs. In January 1993, some 114 US, French and British aircraft attacked air defence installations and other military targets in southern Iraq to enforce the no-fly zone. These acts were justified as acts of self-defence.

Iraq's own military operations now raise difficult legal issues, which go beyond the slight straining of the law necessary to justify the continued existence of the no-fly zones. Although it is argued that Iraq is bound to accept autonomous government for its northern province, there seems little to prevent it from intervening in a bloody struggle between two rival Kurdish factions on its own territory.

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Allies out of step on text of UN resolution

FROM JAMES BONE
IN NEW YORK

BRITAIN attempted yesterday to reassemble the splintered Gulf War coalition in the UN Security Council in support of a draft resolution condemning Iraq for its Arbil offensive.

British diplomats tabled a draft resolution on Tuesday night condemning Iraq's attack on Arbil and calling for Iraqi troops to return to their previous positions.

But the British proposal faced objections from Russia and France, former Gulf War allies now better disposed towards Iraq than in the immediate aftermath of its invasion of Kuwait.

The two countries, both veto-bearing permanent members of the Security Council, insisted that circumstances had changed since the key UN resolution protecting the Kurds was first passed in 1991.

Russia presented a rival to the British text, calling for restraint by all sides — a veiled reference to American missile attacks as well as the Iraqi offensive.

As well as condemning Iraq, the British proposal calls for Iran to halt its military involvement inside Iraq, urges the Kurdish factions to resume peace talks, and requests a report from the UN Secretary-General on the now suspended "oil for food" deal with Baghdad.

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Germany and Italy seemed ready to support the draft, but a French official said his Government was "not excited" about the British text, and Egypt complained that it omitted any reference to American cruise missile strikes.

As negotiations continued, it was not clear that Britain could muster the nine votes needed to pass a resolution in the 15-nation Security Council without making drastic changes in its text.

☐ **Irish fears:** John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, last night voiced concern about the US attacks on Iraq (Nicholas Watt writes). Mr Bruton, who is President of the European Council during Ireland's six-month presidency of the European Union, also condemned Iraq for its military action.

The Taoiseach said: "I have ... stated my view that force in circumstances like this is not necessarily the best way of resolving the difficulty ... I hope that the parties to this conflict, in particular the Iraqis ... will recognise that the route of armed conflict is not a route that brings benefits to anyone."

Chirac supports French business at expense of US onslaught

BY BEN MACINTYRE
AND RICHARD BEESTON

REACTION

FRANCE'S refusal to support the American missile strikes in Iraq reflects President Chirac's independent approach to Middle East policy, but also a determination to ensure that French businesses, which have been cultivating Iraqi links for the past three years, are well placed to secure lucrative contracts when United Nations sanctions are eased.

Before the Gulf War, France was one of Iraq's main trading partners and the largest Western supplier of arms to the Iraqi Government. In recent months French businessmen have been assiduously rebuilding economic ties in anticipation of a lifting of the embargo.

France has been at the forefront of efforts to end the UN sanctions against the Baghdad regime and French petrol companies, including Total and Elf-Aquitaine, have sent several delegations to Iraq during the past year to discuss the development of the country's oilfields if the embargo is lifted. In June, Amer Rashid, the Iraqi Oil Minister, predicted that the embargo would be lifted by the end of the year and noted that oil contracts with French companies worth $4 billion (£2.56 billion) had reached a "very advanced stage". When Mr Rashid visited Paris last June, no fewer than 70 French company heads turned out in order to meet him.

The French Government yesterday called for fresh talks to push through a UN resolution permitting Iraq to use the proceeds from limited oil sales to buy food and medical supplies. The plan, due to be implemented later this month, was postponed on Sunday by Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General.

Russia intensified its condemnation of America's attacks on Iraq yesterday, accusing Washington of acting illegally and threatening to plunge the world into anarchy. In some of the toughest language used by Russia against the United States since the collapse of the Soviet Union five years ago, the Kremlin accused Washington of trying to replace the role of the UN.

The harshest criticism came from Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Foreign Minister, who took time during a tour of Central Europe to criticise the Americans for the second consecutive day.

"We view the renewed attacks in Iraq very negatively. Such a system could lead to catastrophic consequences. I am speaking not only about regional affairs, but about the world order," he said. "No single country can take action that could disrupt the world order. There is the UN Security Council, and only this can decide the use of force."

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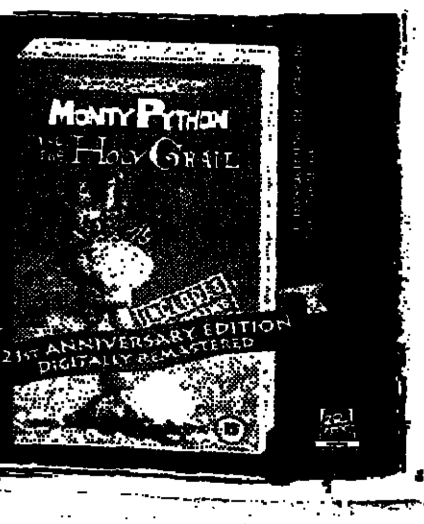

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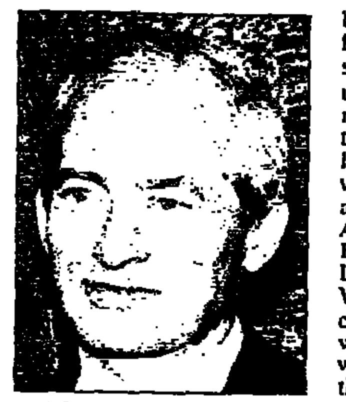
Liechtenstein will hand over report on murder of tsar

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

AMID the fairytale splendour of an Alpine castle, Prince Hans-Adam II von und zu Liechtenstein, the ruler of one of the world's smallest countries, yesterday handed over to Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Foreign Minister, ownership of the first chilling official report on the murder of Tsar Nicholas II and his family in 1918.

In return, Mr Primakov promised to send to Vaduz the royal archives of Liechtenstein, seized from Berlin by Soviet army officers at the end of the Second World War and buried in the Kremlin archives for the past 50 years.

The extraordinary exchange of historic documents brought Mr Primakov to the tiny Alpine principality on the first visit by a senior Russian — indeed, one of the few political events ever to disturb the tranquillity of a minuscule country famed for its classy ski slopes and the plethora of brass-plate company headquarters. The visit follows a decision by the Russian parliament in June to break with the Soviet Union's refusal to return war booty, and opens the way for a cathartic rehabilitation of the murdered tsar before the proposed reburial of his bones in St Petersburg.



Prince Hans-Adam II: tireless campaign

The exchange is the culmination of a tireless campaign by the Liechtenstein Prince, a forceful ruler who has on several occasions clashed with unruly subjects demanding more democracy. His father, the former ruler of Europe's last remaining princely state, was a vocal critic of Hitler's annexation of neighbouring Austria, and in revenge the Führer confiscated the two Liechtenstein castles outside Vienna, taking the family archives to Berlin. In 1945 they were moved to Moscow, along with Nazi records, and there they remained, despite royal entreaties.

Advised by historians and keeping his ear to the ground, the Prince waited for his chance to sway the Kremlin. In 1990, as word was getting out that the bones of the murdered imperial family had been found in a shallow grave in Sverdlovsk — formerly and once again Yekaterinburg — the Sokolov Archive came up for auction at Sotheby's. This White Army report on the murders had been in a Paris bank vault for almost 70 years. When the document failed to reach its reserve price, Liechtenstein paid £500,000 and proposed a swap.

Castle Vaduz in Liechtenstein, where the exchange of documents was agreed yesterday, and Tsar Nicholas II with his wife and children

Nikolai Sokolov was a White Army officer deputed, on the capture of Yekaterinburg eight days after the tsar's murder, to find out what had happened. An assiduous detective, he found a place in the forest which showed signs of wheels, fires and hooves. His men collected dozens of objects from the area: charred jewellery and corset-bones, belt buckles, glasses, false teeth and the decomposed corpse of a spaniel. Although the mineshafts were pumped out, there were no bodies. Sokolov concluded that they had been burnt.

He had already found a copy of the coded, incriminating telegram, sent by the head of the local soviet to the Bolshevik head of the secret police in Moscow. It said, chillingly: "Tell Sverdlov that the entire family suffered the same fate as its head. Officially the family will perish in evacuation." He also found the bill from a chemist for 358lb of sulphuric acid to destroy the bodies. His report — which the Communists tried for 70 years to discredit — was smuggled to Paris, with maps, photographs and a scrap of wallpaper from the cellar with a scribbled German verse by one of the princesses in which she prophesied her death. In 1920 it was given to the family of Prince Orlov, a member of the Russian nobility, and then disappeared.

Sokolov's failure to find the bodies was the clue for two Russian historians, who in great secrecy discovered the remains in 1979. The executioners, panicking at the approach of the White Army, had returned to the mineshaft the following day, pulled out the bodies, attempted to burn them and covered them in a shallow grave. They were not officially exhumed until 1991 as communism collapsed, when the great taboo on the tsar's murder was finally broken.

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Handclasp puts peace talks back on track

By Ross Dunn

BINYAMIN NETANYAHU, the right-wing Israeli Prime Minister, and Yassir Arafat, the leader of the Palestinian Authority, last night restored confidence in the Middle East peace process with a firm public handshake and commitment to negotiations.

When the historic moment came the handshake between the two men was so brief that photographers asked them to repeat it.

However, Mr Netanyahu calmly reached out a second time briefly to grasp the hand of Mr Arafat, only months after the Israeli leader declared that he would never meet someone he regarded as a terrorist. Both men then faced the cameras and nodded for a moment, before sitting down to their long-awaited negotiations, which have been stalled since Mr Netanyahu's election in May.

Binyamin Netanyahu greets Yassir Arafat at the beginning of the Erez meeting

At a conference after the hour-long meeting, Mr Arafat said: "I would like to emphasise once again our commitment to co-operation with Israel, our commitment to all aspects of the agreement with Israel in accordance with agreements signed [with the previous] Government."

Mr Netanyahu was cautious, however, about whether he was bound by the undertakings of the previous Government. "We want to advance on the issues of concern to us all and we want to do so in such a way as to facilitate negotiations on a final status," he said.

Such talks, which are designed to draw up a lasting peace settlement between the two sides, are meant to be completed by 1999. Mr Netanyahu emphasised he was concerned also about easing the poverty of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

After the summit at the Erez checkpoint on the edge of the Gaza Strip, both men were evasive over the question of a redeployment of Israeli troops in Hebron, the last major Palestinian city on the West Bank still under Israeli military control.

Israel poured £40m into secret personal account for Arafat

From Ross Dunn in Jerusalem

IN THE past two years Israel has transferred about £40 million to a secret bank account in Tel Aviv for the use at his discretion of Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian Authority's President.

The Jerusalem Post, which first reported the story yesterday, said it had not been suggested Mr Arafat had been pocketing the money from the secret account. But, it added, there had been speculation he might have used it to buy off political opponents, including Islamic militants.

The newspaper's disclosures could prove embarrassing for Mr Arafat on the eve of today's Washington conference of international donors to the Palestinian Authority. The conference will discuss the authority's estimated deficit of $90 million (£54 million), which Palestinians blame on Israel's closure of the Gaza Strip and West Bank.

About 24 countries provide funds to the Palestinians and some of them are believed to have written to Mr Arafat a year ago to ask him to "consolidate" the account with others held by the authority. The American Government also asked for the account to be consolidated, but did not make a public issue of it.

While it was still not clear yesterday if the issue would be raised at the Washington conference, the existence of the account is said to be known to a US congressman, Ben Gillman, head of the House international affairs committee. Mr Gillman is believed to want to know how the money will be spent before he releases $10 million in American aid that has been delayed.

The funds in the secret account were apparently derived from petrol taxes, which Israel collected on behalf of the Palestinian Authority. Under a 1994 agreement reached in Paris, Israel agreed to rebate the Palestinian Authority for taxes collected from Palestinians. That included revenues raised from petrol, customs, health fees and income and sales taxes. According to *The Jerusalem Post*, the signature on the account is that of Khalid Salaam, Mr Arafat's financial adviser, who also goes by the name of Muhammad Rashid. The name of another Palestinian signatory to the account is not known.

An Israeli government official told the newspaper: "It is known what amounts go into the Tel Aviv ... account, but we just do not know what amounts go out and for what purpose ... Some of the money is supposed to, and perhaps does, make its way to the Palestinian Authority budget. The fund is for Arafat's use and there is no question that the account operates out of the framework of the Palestinian Authority."

There was no comment from the Palestinian Authority and the official response from Israel has been cautious. An official in the office of Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, said: "This matter is being examined by the Government and it will take appropriate action once all the details are uncovered."

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Pigs could save your bacon

Dr Thomas Stuttaford on the perfect organ donors; exploding the blood pressure myth; cutting out fat and a new flu strain

If Lord Blandings was still at Blandings Castle he would feel that his opinion of pigs was vindicated. Old-fashioned pigs — the large whites so revered by Lord Blandings but so despised by modern butchers — are the breed chosen by research scientists in Cambridge for transplant experiments.

Although the human breakfast eater may reject the fat-laden bacon rashers from a large white, doctors have found that these pigs' kidneys and hearts, when suitably modified by genetic engineering, may be acceptable to our immune system.

Research carried out at the Imutran Laboratories of Cambridge University was presented at the recent meeting of the 16th International Congress of the Transplantation Society, held in Barcelona. The Cambridge research workers have successfully transplanted the genetically modified swines' kidneys into primates, and have shown that the monkeys did not develop a resultant hyperacute rejectionary reaction, the usual response from a host when a graft from an alien species has been transplanted into it.

Last year, the same team transplanted genetically modified pigs' hearts into the abdomens of monkeys, and these hearts were still beating 60 days after surgery. The monkeys who received pigs' kidneys survived for only a matter of days or weeks, but at the time of death the kidneys, which had been supporting the life of the monkey, showed no signs of hyperacute rejection.

The longest-living monkeys all developed anaemia. The genetically engineered swine may look like animals we could have loved in our nursery days, but they will lead an unromantic life far removed from any rural idyll. Nineteenth-century pictures of old-fashioned swine, examples of which will be shown at the O'Shea Gallery in Mount Street, Mayfair, London, next week, were, when portrayed by Victorian painters such as Vine, Whitford and Weaver, nearly always shown in sties ankle deep in mud. Inevitably, the mud will have been well laced with pathogenic bacteria and equally dangerous viruses. In contrast, the pigs used for human transplantation will live in near-sterile surroundings.

The greatest scientific, rather than moral, objection to transgenic transplantation will be the fear of transmission of pathogenic organisms. The *BMJ* reported recently that there are now six biotechnology firms in the United States which are breeding swine for transplant experiments in colonies free of dangerous organisms.

Before pigs' organs can be used for transplantation to primates, other types of rejection as well as hyperacute rejection will have to be overcome.

The anaemia which the longest-surviving monkeys developed was attributed to the inability of the pigs' kidney, once transplanted, to produce an erythropoietin, which would stimulate essential red blood cell production in the primates' bone marrow. This problem, like rejection and possible infection, will also have to be solved before the 150,000 people worldwide, who are now dying for want of an available human organ, can be offered genetically modified swines' kidneys. Transplants from well-matched human donors are likely to remain a surgeon's first choice of organ for many years to come. Whatever the source of the graft, advances in immuno-suppression are of supreme importance to the patient.

At the same conference in Barcelona, the results of a comparison between the new immuno-suppressant drug, Prograf tacrolimus, and the older preparation, cyclosporin, in patients who had had kidney transplants were announced. Patients treated with Prograf tacrolimus had significantly fewer episodes of life-threatening acute or steroid-resistant rejection. The incidence of other side-effects varied from drug to drug, but one fact which might be of importance in patients who discontinue treatment because of concern about their appearance was that tacrolimus was less likely to cause acne, swollen gums or abnormal hairiness.

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Pigs' kidneys and hearts, when suitably modified by genetic engineering, may be acceptable to our immune system

New treatment for hypertension

Ways to ease the pressure

Many people still equate high blood pressure with the image of an angry retired colonel shouting at a parking meter attendant. Although blood pressure is raised when someone is angry, hypertension occurs equally frequently in modest, kindly patients who have never lost their temper with anybody.

Raised blood pressure is a cardiovascular disease and not the description of a particular temperament. Although most older people have high blood pressure, doctors have until recently been uncertain what to do about it. Even ten years ago, many otherwise excellent British doctors recommended that those between the ages of 65 and 74 should have treatment only if the blood pressure exceeded 200/100. For those over 75, drugs were normally prescribed only if the lower level for diastolic blood pressure, that is to say the pressure exerted when the heart is in its relaxed phase, reached 120.

Many doctors rejected this extreme conservatism and research has since shown that it must have been responsible for many unnecessary and relatively premature deaths.

Ten years ago, analysis of trials all over the world showed that appropriate treatment of blood pressure in older age groups reduced the number of strokes by 35 per cent and coronaries by 20 per cent. The overall death rate was cut by 15 per cent.

After the publication of these results, it was suggested that the over-65s should be given anti-hypertensive drugs if the blood pressure rose above 160/90. If the blood pressure is persisently raised in middle age, or in younger people — and has failed to respond to change in lifestyle, weight reduction, regular steady exercise, salt restriction and not more than three drinks a day — hypotensive agents, usually beta blockers, are recommended.

Professor Joel Simon of the University of California has recently reviewed in the *BMJ* the evidence which has determined the present advice given on the care of patients with high blood pressure. It is, however, still uncertain how much the blood pressure in the over-75s should be reduced.

Hot under the collar

There is increasing evidence that bringing the blood pressure down in the elderly, to a diastolic level of under 85, increases the chance of suffering a coronary thrombosis.

The most recent report in the *BMJ* on research in Sweden showed that if the blood pressure in the very old was lowered to below 90, there was a fourfold increase in the heart attack rate.

The general view now seems that it is a good idea to accept that when a patient is entitled to a bus pass, the diastolic blood pressure should not be any lower than 80 to 90.

Cardiologists call for less fat

THE British Heart Foundation's sponsored health research group, headed by Dr Michael Rayner at Oxford University, has been reviewing the national diet. The cardiologists' standards are very high when it comes to choosing food and some might think their choice is rather dismal: they want to increase the amount of bread, potatoes and fruit by 50 per cent and cut the intake of fatty foods by nearly 40 per cent.

These recommendations, which would certainly be good for the heart even if not always palatable, can be achieved because 17 per cent of men and 11 per cent of women have already done so and are now reaching some of the foundation's objectives by cutting back the amount of meat, biscuits and chips they eat in favour of more vegetables and potatoes, combined with skimmed or semi-skimmed milk.

The British Heart Foundation's review has scotched one myth. Research demonstrated that northerners do not eat more fried food than southerners. Fat consumption is about the same in the North and the South but in the South the ill-effects of a high-fat diet are to some extent balanced by the eating of more fruit and vegetables.

- *Diet and Nutrition Supplement (£4.99) available from the British Heart Foundation, 14, Fitzhardinge Street, London W1H 4DH.*

New flu strain threatens UK

A NEW strain of flu is on the way from China this winter. The World Health Organisation has recommended that all vaccinations this year should include protection against the new A-strain virus, known as Wuhan. Standard vaccinations include cover against three strains: two As and one B. Last year Britain had two comparatively small outbreaks, one caused by an A strain, one by a B strain.

Flu injections are recommended annually for sufferers from chronic conditions, especially heart, lung or kidney complaints, and everyone over 65. Diabetic patients are also advised to have an injection, as are those who are immuno-compromised because of disease or drugs use, including steroids.

Although the prevalent strain of flu varies each year, there is evidence that repeated annual injections increase immunity.

Killing arthritis pain without causing ulcers

ONLY ONE person in 50 escapes suffering some form of arthritis in their lifetime. The value and dangers of anti-arthritic drugs are well known. Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs let many live normal lives by reducing inflammation, pain and stiffness in their joints. But the same drugs are responsible, particularly in the over-60s, for peptic ulceration, perforation and haemorrhage.

One answer is to add Misoprostol, which protects the stomach and duodenum, to the drug. Another is to create a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug which reduces the amount of the enzyme that causes inflammation in the joints but does not inhibit the related enzyme that protects basic physiological functions, including the protection of the stomach. Such a drug, Mobic meloxicam, has been produced for arthritis. It is the first of what could be a new range of drugs to reduce inflammation without causing ulcers.

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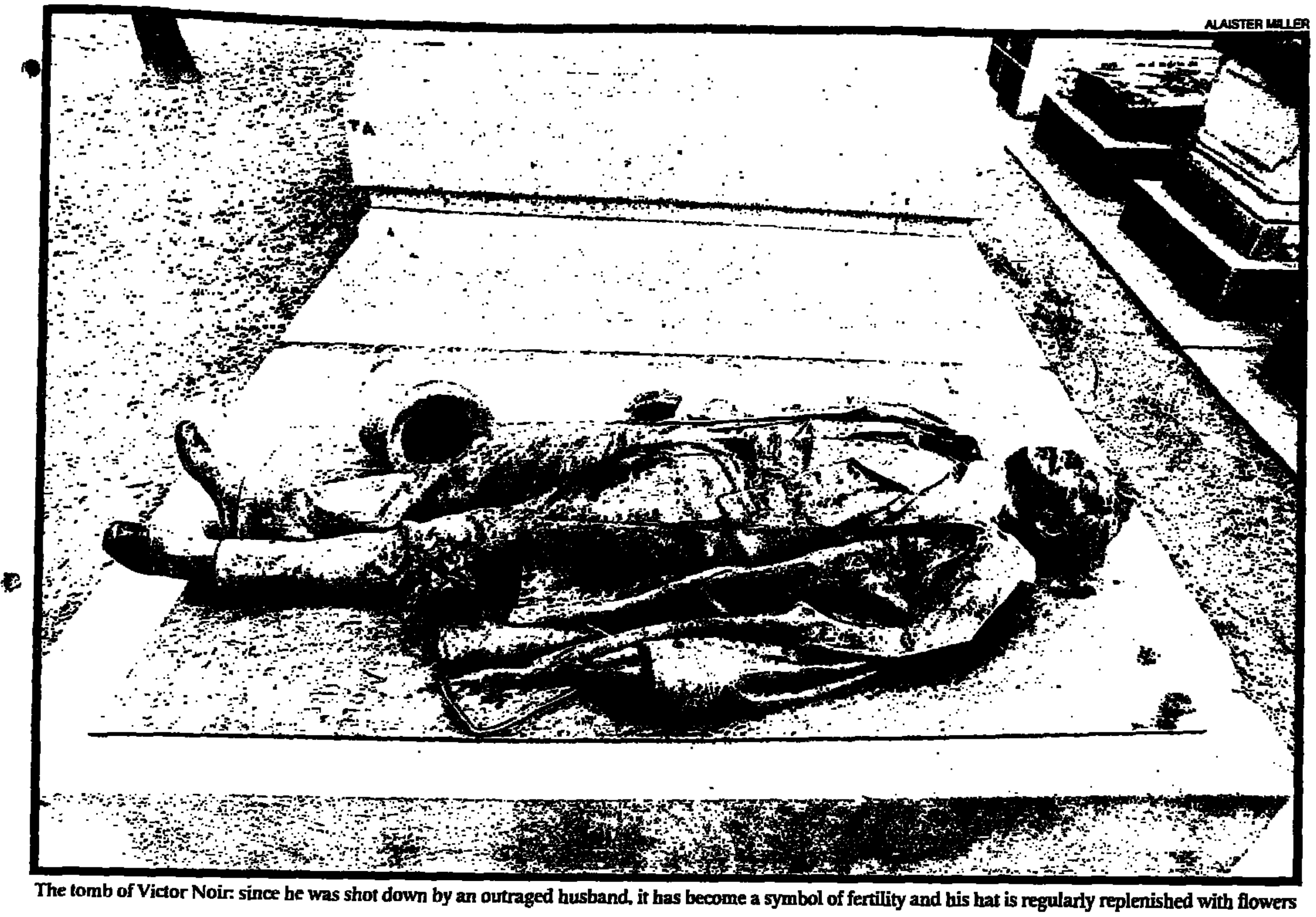

The tomb of Victor Noir: since he was shot down by an outraged husband, it has become a symbol of fertility and his hat is regularly replenished with flowers

The tomb that became a shrine to love

Why do the lonely, the loveless and the infertile visit a bronze sculpture that has lain in a Paris cemetery for the past 126 years? **Adrian Matthews** reports

Père Lachaise Cemetery, eastern Paris. It is early morning. On the Avenue Transversale No 2, starlings feed among the vaults and classical sarcophaguses, heedless of the corpse that lies nearby, its booted feet protruding from between two 19th-century mausoleums.

It is the body of a handsome young man with wavy hair and a moustache. His frock-coat and jacket have fallen open and his shirt is unbuttoned to the waist, revealing a *bullet-hole* in the centre of the hairless chest. The trousers are also partially unbuttoned and an unseemly bulge is clearly visible at the groin. A top hat lies on its side next to him. The man's name is Victor Noir.

A guard ambles past. His indifference is hardly surprising. Noir has been lying here for 126 years now, a recumbent statue sculpted in bronze by Jules Dalou.

A woman in her mid-thirties with nervy eyes approaches from the direction of the crematorium. Drawing alongside Noir, she deposits a postcard and single white rose in the hat before leaning forward and stroking the bronze erection. She is not the first to have done so. Victor is covered in verdigris, but this part of his anatomy is highly burnished.

When she has gone, I cross the path and read the card. *Dear Victor, It is indeed the worst grief not to know why, without love or hate, my heart has so much grief. Help me in my loneliness, Valerie.*

Noir was a 22-year-old journalist, shot in 1870 by Prince Pierre Bonaparte after being caught with the latter's wife. The murder scandalised Republicans and became a *cause célèbre*. To this day the tomb is a symbol of love and fertility and Victor's hat is regularly replenished with flowers, cards, letters and sundry tributes.

Shortly after Valerie's departure, a couple in their forties visit the tomb. Emil and Beatrice have fertility problems and are resorting to IVF treatment. A consultant told them about Victor and every weekend they drop by. Why? *On ne sait jamais:* you never know. Test-tube science is not infallible; a little mysticism may help things along.

Then there is Ginette, a small grey widow with a carrier-bag full of scraps. She is shortly to retire from her dry-cleaning business. She often comes to feed the cats that roam here and visit Victor Noir. *She shows me her minimal message for the hat:* a simple question mark scribbled on the back of a business card.

She is hoping for an eligible widower to come her way and Victor is her last resort. I'm not her type, she informs me with a mischievous smile. Père Lachaise Cemetery has 109 acres, 5,300 trees, 70,000 plots and two million visitors a year. It was opened in 1804 and since that time a million people have been interred there, mostly on short-term leases.

It was not an immediate success. By 1815, there were only 2,000 tombs, so a publicity stunt was contrived. The remains of Molière, La Fontaine and the 12th century lovers Héloïse and Abelard were shipped in. Père Lachaise was suddenly the ritziest place in town to eat dandelions by the roots and wear a little flower-garden on your tummy (as the French expression goes). Inadvertently, it also became a symbol of romantic and forbidden love.

The monk Abelard had fallen in love with his pupil Héloïse and given her a child, thereby infuriating her father's family. In Abelard's words, they "cut off those parts of my body whereby I had done that which was the cause of their sorrow". Père Lachaise, Louis XIV's Jesuit confessor, was himself a known libertine, though he suffered no such dire consequences, and over the years famous lovers and mistresses have flocked to the cemetery — generally, it must be admitted, feet first.

Napoleon's mistresses are there: one of them danced for the Emperor on a high wire between the towers of Notre Dame; another ended her days as a lavatory attendant. There is Rachel, the actress-lover of Alfred de Musset and Napoleon III, who received the message: "When? Where? How Much?" from an admirer. Her reply: "Tomorrow. My place. Nothing." The effigy of President Félix Faure, meanwhile, lies draped in the national flag: as every *lycéen* knows, however, he died in the arms of his mistress. The list goes on . . .

Jim Morrison's grave (now under police guard) is the most famous tomb, but the lesser-known cult of Victor Noir — who died in the name of illicit love — is a reminder that mistresses are still part of the Gallic furniture. *Le Nouvel Observateur* magazine recently sang the praises of those who tolerate infidelity in marriage. It cited the fact that, in a French poll, 86 per cent of those questioned approved of the presence of François Mitterrand's mistress and illegitimate daughter at his funeral.

However that may be, lonely singles and would-be parents also turn to Victor Noir to express their homelier desires. After all, *l'amour* and *la mort* may chime poetically, but who wants to be shot in the chest at the age of 22? And, as Valerie, Emil, Beatrice and Ginette go to show: in a world where the dead outnumber the living by more than 20 to one (according to estimates made in *Scientific American*), we may be in a minority — but we still hold a majority stake in Hope Springs Eternal Inc, that multinational futures broker of the heart.

You will find Noir in the 92nd Division of the cemetery. The groin-polishing is not de rigueur, so you can leave the miss the last collection, try Chopin's tomb in the 11th Division. It is also a lover's letter-box.

There are other famous graves in other famous cemeteries in Paris: Montmartre, Montparnasse, or the Cimetière des Chiens at the Pont de Clichy, where (in addition to perished poodles) you will find a Russian bear, a wolf, a lioness, and the 1920 Grand National winner. But for the sheer curiosity value, my money rides on the tomb of Victor Noir. In good Eurostar Franglais: *Ça prend le biscuit.* You can bet your shirt on it — or your hat.

● *Adrian Matthews's novel,* The Hat of Victor Noir, *is published by Fourth Estate (£8.99).*

Chelsea sets out on a last lap from Little Rock to Ivy League

Quentin Letts on the guilt-free ambition of the Clintons to place their daughter with America's academic elite

A long black limousine rolled through New England a few weeks ago, its polished tyres crunching the driveways of some of America's most estimable universities. When the doors were opened, the first to step out were alert, radio-miked bodyguards. They were followed by Chelsea and Hillary Clinton.

Chelsea, 16, is at that stage when she *must* decide on a college. She will leave her high school, *Sidwell Friends in* Washington DC, next summer.

The recent controversy over Tony Blair's choice of a secondary school for his son showed that the issue of privilege and class, of private school/grammar versus comprehensive, is still very much alive in Britain.

It is, arguably, an illustration of how stuck in clichés we are — and how impervious America is to the class debate — that a left-leaning President such as Bill Clinton can be seen to be on the point of dispatching his daughter to one of America's crucibles of privilege, and barely be criticised.

Chelsea and her mother toured such Wasp (as in White Anglo-Saxon Protestant) nests as Harvard, Yale, Amherst, Brown and Princeton. If Chelsea inspected her history books, she may have been awed by some of the graduates of these institutions, who include the highest achievers and the greatest social clouters of America over the past two centuries. These establishments, and the rest of the Ivy League or Seven Sisters colleges, are the Oxbridge of America.

There has been no talk of Chelsea, a moderately successful pupil, attending one of America's state universities. Many of these are excellent, but they lack the cachet of Harvard, Amherst and Yale — the college which both the Clintons attended. The First Lady took her graduate degree at Yale's Law School, having earlier attended Wellesley. Mr Clinton also did a stint at University College, Oxford.

To the European eye it all sits a little uncomfortably with the Clintons' status as the champions of equality and the foes of privilege.

It is as if a senior Labour Party member was looking only at the best colleges at Oxford and Cambridge for his child. One commentator, Howie Carr of *The Boston Herald*, wondered sardonically how closely Chelsea's academic qualifications would be examined. "Have you ever noticed how, even in these egalitarian times, there's always room for one more rich kid?" he asked.

Hillary Clinton: a Yale student

Chelsea: following her parents?

The message for the state universities must be a little depressing. Yet the quibbling has been low-key, and not just because so much of the American media is sanguine towards the Clintons. It may be because Americans are more positive about life in general. Thomas Conroy, a spokesman for Yale, certainly took the upbeat approach, saying: "We are terribly excited that Chelsea has shown an interest in us." Yale knows that she would probably provide good publicity.

But there is also the lack of class angst in America, despite the ample proof that class differences are alive and well. This goes beyond mere money, which decides many of the gradations in social hierarchy. The Clintons can hardly claim that the colleges Chelsea looked at last week were chosen for their geographical location. It is still possible that they will be back in Little Rock, Arkansas, next year, and it is a long way from there to New England.

The small knot of places inspected by the First Daughter suggests that she is destined to join the fast stream, mixing with the sons and daughters of corporate America, with all the Cape Cod houseparty weekends she can manage. She will have all it takes to become a latter-day Wasp.

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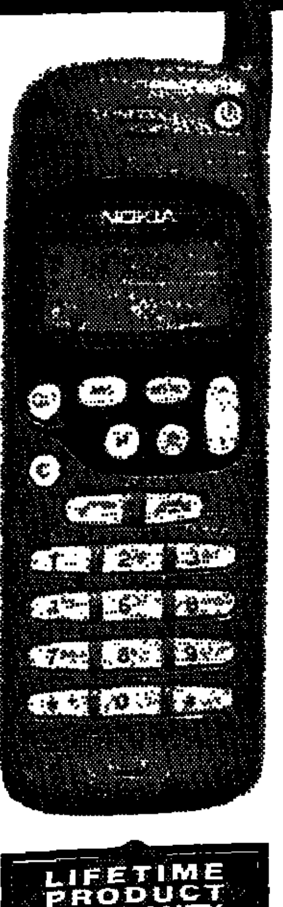

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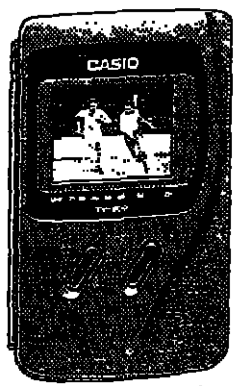

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The teacher, the bully and a smack

Lesley Chamberlain tells how she was driven to the last resort

It is ten years since the Education Act 1986 outlawed corporal punishment in state schools. Independent schools have largely followed suit. There has been a terrible side-effect of this well-meant social medicine. The statute which safeguards children against humiliating and inhuman, and indeed any, physical punishment has left adults cornered and humiliated. Teahers threatening to strike over their schools' refusal to exclude violent pupils merit our sympathy. I suspect, from my own experiences teaching in a prep school, that they have no other way to defend their right to teach effectively.

I may sound like a relic from Evelyn Waugh's day, but if ever I write my *Decline and Fall* it won't be about garden parties, hats and effete Englishmen, but about the realities of an ambitious multiethnic society torn between traditional pieties and self-centred aggression. It is a common misapprehension that the independent sector does not suffer from the same problems as the state sector because fee-paying parents "care" more. Not a bit of it. Parents vary in attitude more than means. In any case, parents struggling to find £800 a term hardly qualify as wealthy.

Academic and disciplinarian, my school takes boys of all abilities, including a few with learning difficulties. The most gifted go on to win places, often government-assisted, at the best schools in London. The others leave literate, confident and mostly well-mannered. We teach from the blackboard in whole classes. Our intake is a startling 97 per cent from ethnic minorities. The classroom atmosphere is shockingly disrespectful compared with the 1950s and 1960s I remember. Pupils are noisy, easily distracted, and occasionally cheeky and rebellious; conversation with one's neighbour, across the teacher, is the norm. Family life is so much less orderly, society less formal, that children find it hard to understand the concept of appropriate behaviour and terms of address. They are over-exposed to adult social life, a factor enhanced by television.

The trendy desire to make learning appear casual and fun, without the need for self-discipline, has helped to undermine general discipline. This is the subliminal message of textbooks with boxed information at scrapbook angles and points unnumbered.

Disruptive pupils can be given lines, sent to the headmaster, made to lose their breaktime or sport. The bright and willing, sometimes overcome by high spirits, hate being excluded from the class in progress. But what do you do with a child immune to all available punishments, who refuses to put pen to paper, and strikes other boys?

This is the story of how the playground bully became the bully of the staffroom.For two years, from when the boy was seven, we tried. Mother came in to hear half a dozen voices swear, hand on heart, that her angel was no angel. Still no improvement. We all threatened "it's him or me". A boy who dropped a pencil had his hand stamped on. Others had their art work spoilt. There was violence with scissors and cricket bat. Imagine as a teacher facing slow and relentless goading: toy cars wheeled before your eyes, watch alarms constantly triggered, and a desk provocatively strewn with battery-driven gadgets instead of books. The nine-year-old persecutor answers back. "You want my car? How much will you gimme?" Sent out, he peels paint off the corridor walls. Some children are mildly amused. But the concentration has gone; he has broken the back of the lesson. I began to dream about the confrontations — and dread them.

On the last teaching day of the year, we were rehearsing French and German songs and poems. The children sang lustily and told me I should go in for the Eurovision Song Contest. We were all pleased with each other, except our troublemaker, who set to. I sent him outside. He pulled faces back at us, and our tune and spirit wavered. I left the rostrum with the vague notion of sending him to the headmaster. Next minute he was looking at me in astonishment. I had slapped him. It happens like that. Subconsciously, I knew all reasonable options had been exhausted. Back in the classroom, the boys, who are instinctively fair-minded, were cheering, while I struggled not to show distress at what was in store: instant suspension and an interview with the police.

I came close to being blacklisted for life

The police were wise and civilised. Still, I came within a hair's breadth of being blacklisted for life.

Violent primary pupils who have not learnt discipline and social skills at home are increasing. One answer to the problem is exclusion, but this is no remedy. It is expensive and socially undesirable, a sublimated form of violence with lifelong consequences. Another would be to equip every front desk with a panic button, and security patrols in the corridors — measures which at least one teachers' union is already discussing.

But we should recognise that most teachers are neither perverts nor sadists, and accept that the only decent option is to return to a trust in teachers' instincts. That means modifying the law. It may be difficult in the face of the European Union, but the principle is worth holding out for. It is better to accept that human motivation is not perfect than to sacrifice good education to an impotent and dishonest notion of non-violent punishment, which is the position today. Our bully, incidentally, has moved to another school.

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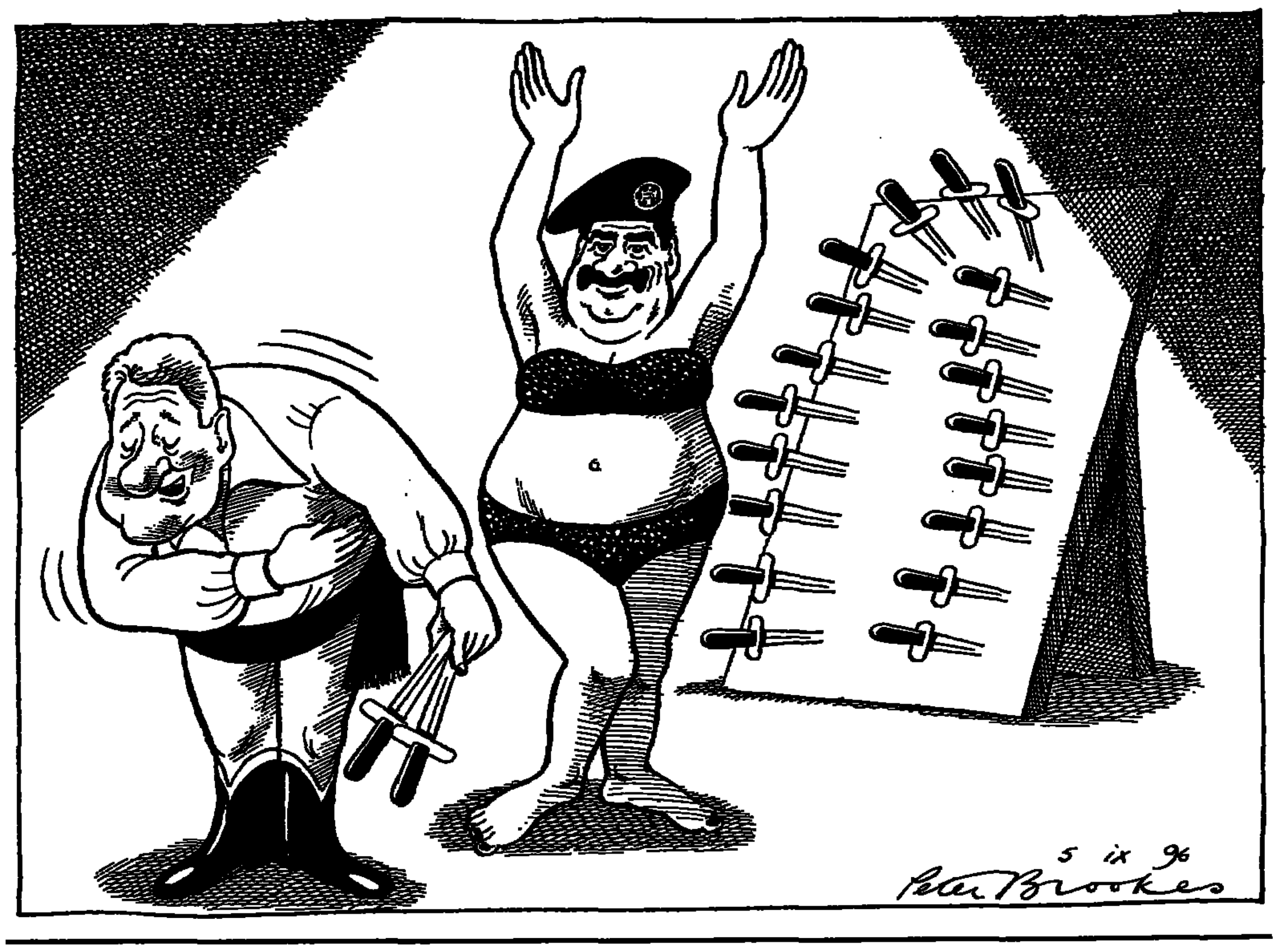

Poker with our pensions

Short-term speculations by fund managers can prove ruinous to long-established investment houses

William Rees-Mogg

There have been few better names in British fund management than Barings, Jardine Fleming and Morgan Grenfell (which is now owned by the equally prestigious Deutsche Bank). The echoes of the great Baring collapse are still being heard. Last week Jardine Fleming was disciplined by the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission and by London's Investment Management Regulatory Organisation. This week the Hong Kong Legislative Council was holding hearings, and the chairman of the panel, Dr Huang Chan-Ya, commented: "Let's not wait for another Nick Leeson." Jardine Fleming has had to pay £12 million in compensation to investors and a large fine.

Now, immediately after that, comes the suspension of three Morgan Grenfell funds, with 90,000 investors and a value of £1.4 billion. Imro, the London regulator, raided Morgan Grenfell's offices last week after a tip-off from the market. A raid on Morgan Grenfell's offices would, not so long ago, have seemed as unthinkable as the fraud squad making a dawn raid on the Bank of England Plainly something has been going badly wrong; damage has been done, inevitably, to the reputation of Britain's leading investment institutions.

Even those institutions not involved are bound to be affected, just as the credit of all the London merchant banks was damaged by the collapse of Barings. In any case, Peter Young, the manager of the Morgan Grenfell fund, who has been suspended, worked for the market leader, Mercury Asset Management, until April 1992. People will hardly suppose that he changed his investment philosophy all of a sudden when he moved from MAM to Morgan Grenfell.

What has gone wrong? Too many major institutions have let go of the principles of sound investment. From what we know of Peter Young's actual investment decisions, no one but an idiot would have used his own money in the way that Mr Young used the money of Morgan Grenfell's investors. Apparently he had at one point invested 48 per cent of a general European fund in Scandinavian stocks, 20 per cent in Norway alone, with a high proportion in unquoted stocks, which have the difficulties of uncertain valuation and limited liquidity. He also speculated heavily in hi-tech companies, particularly in British Biotec, which was a big and for a time very successful holding.

No one denies that Mr Young was for some years a very successful speculator. His funds outperformed most other funds in the same field. But successful speculation, taking high profits out of high risks, is not what general public investment is about. The good public investor tries to maximise profit at the lowest available risk, and is just as concerned with avoiding loss as with achieving profit. Speculative funds are entirely legitimate, but they need to be clearly labelled as such. When Morgan Grenfell took on 90,000 investors, it accepted a responsibility of prudence which Mr Young did not fulfil; the board of Morgan Grenfell should have been aware of the risks he was taking.

The Barings collapse and the Jardine Fleming disaster were also speculations which went wrong. In the case of Barings, the speculation was done with the bank's money, though that money was itself security for the bank's obligations. In the case of Jardine Fleming and Morgan Grenfell, the speculation was with outside investors' money. In all three cases, speculation was the root of the trouble, made possible by inadequate internal supervision.

In a rising market, many speculations will succeed. It does not take a clever investor, only a bold one, to pile in when there is a strong upward trend. These speculators are likely to make a lot of money for their institutions and big bonuses for themselves and their colleagues. They then have the aura of success. There is a natural temptation not to ask awkward questions about the risks they are taking, not to look too closely at the means by which these profits are made. When the market falls, these risks will be exposed, but for some years the reckless speculator may indeed outperform more cautious investors.

In the days when the names of Baring, Fleming and Morgan Grenfell were being established, the City of London was a small and stable society, where the major clients changed only slowly over time. A City reputation, both for investment skill and integrity, was built slowly. The Barings, the Flemings and the original partners in Morgan Grenfell had a direct stake in their businesses which was far more valuable than any bonuses they might receive.

The modern City is not like that. It is very fluid, very much concerned with the last quarter's or half year's results; successful operators are lured from one fund company to the next, like football strikers in the Premiership. In the old City, reputations could be built over generations: the new City does not think in terms of generations; too much of the time it thinks only in terms of weeks.

These disasters cannot be blamed on the regulators, either in London, Singapore or Hong Kong. In the Morgan Grenfell case, Imro seems to have discovered the problem by good market intelligence, which is the regulator's most important source of information. The standard Imro manual for fund managers runs to some 90 pages, and is itself a compression of more detailed guidance. If every fund manager followed every Imro rule, which would be a counsel of perfection, they could still take their clients' money and speculate with it. No regulatory rules can stop a fund manager buying hi-tech stocks at what proves to be the top of the market.

Anything regulation can do, the present regulatory system in London probably does reasonably well. The combined cost of regulation and compliance adds greatly to the overheads of the City; any further increase in compliance overheads would need to be justified by real benefits. Nor could one usefully try to restore some variant of the old rules on trustees' securites. Speculative investments in derivatives and unlisted stocks have played their part in these disasters, and should be used sparingly if at all in the portfolios of general investment funds. But they have a useful function, and if fund managers want to speculate, they do not need to use these instruments to do so. The ordinary stock markets, and even the bond markets, provide plenty of opportunities.

The responsibility comes back to the directors of the investment companies concerned. They tend to be too remote from the actual investment process. None of the directors of Barings properly understood the risks that Nick Leeson was taking. I doubt whether any of the directors of Jardine Fleming properly understood what Colin Armstrong was doing, or whether any of the directors of Morgan Grenfell properly understood the risks that Peter Young was running. Fund managers like to keep the directors out of the engine room. They want to be free to take their investment decisions without the interference of old gentlemen whose best investment days were when Rowley Cromer was Governor of the Bank of England. Yet this is very dangerous. At the least, boards have a duty to satisfy themselves that the standards of fund management are those an experienced and prudent person would adopt when investing his own money.

Fund managers themselves will always have some temptation to make their reputations by taking speculative risks. For this to be resisted requires a strong corporate culture. Outside regulation can reinforce such cultures, and is necessary, but outside regulation cannot create them.

The boards of other companies must be most concerned to avoid the damage which has been done in the past fortnight to Jardine Fleming and Morgan Grenfell being done also to their own businesses. Investors tend to take a relatively long view. They stay with the same trust for ten or 20 years at a time, or until they receive their pension. They want sound investment in well-managed businesses in markets with growth potential. They do not want a rollercoaster ride in derivatives, hi-tech stocks or unquoted Norwegian securities.

America's coercive diplomacy

For **Lawrence Freedman**, Clinton had no choice

Yesterday on this page Simon Jenkins developed a familiar but formidable critique of President Clinton's cruise missile strikes against targets in southern Iraq. He saw them as another example of futile interventionism, a media event staged for a domestic political audience. The Americans appear as outsiders meddling in affairs which are not their business. As the motives are often benign, or at least presented as such — framed in terms of human rights or alleviation of suffering — an analogy for intervention might be with a "have-a-go" hero, especially the sort who acts to stop an apparently vicious mugging only to become embroiled in a grim domestic quarrel.

In Middle Eastern politics, however, the United States is not an outsider, so it cannot intervene. It is part of the regional political system. American passivity at a time of crisis can have as many reverberations as action. This position is a product of America's interests in the region, notably oil and Israel, but also a legacy of the Cold War and the role of the US in shoring up anti-communist regimes. Without this backing, some of these regimes might fall, and others would have to change their ways. America's position is shown by its aid policies, the training and equipping of local armies, its own substantial military presence, and its constant diplomatic activity.

If Washington decided to scale down its Middle East commitments, the regional impact would be immediate and momentous. In the late 1960s, Britain decided that it could no longer sustain its position east of Suez, and left its former Gulf clients in a state of chronic insecurity. Similarly, when the Soviet Union suddenly dropped out of the picture at the end of the Cold War, it left radical regimes feeling friendless and vulnerable.

For Washington, the absence of a rival superpower has made its role in the Middle East less dangerous but more complicated. Instead of contemplating the region as part of a global confrontation, it must now pay more heed to local concerns, such as the position of Israel. Without the strategic imperatives of the Cold War, Washington must also address the natural reluctance of Americans to accept huge burdens in order to influence events in distant lands. This reluctance has encouraged the search for risk-free military options which hurt the enemy but keep American troops out of harm's way, and also the tendency to simplify issues. It is easier to sell a moral crusade than the murkier necessities of power politics.

These considerations do not always make for high-quality strategy. This week's events illustrate the problems of relying on applications of armed force which, though safe, appear semi-detached from the problem, or upon rationales which, though comprehensible, do scant justice to the local complexities.

Nonetheless, within the Middle East, the point is understood well enough. The United States cannot remove Saddam Hussein, but it can set him rules to live by and see that he sticks to them. He can be contained even though he cannot be controlled, and to contain him will, on occasion, be to coerce him. This is hardly elegant and certainly not decisive. We have seen this sort of spat before and will no doubt see it again, but within its own terms it works.

That there is little vocal support from the Middle East does not mean that the Arab governments are particularly bothered. Iraq is not their top priority at the moment. In the long run, America's ability to moderate the policies of the new Israeli Government will be more important to Washington's standing in the region than its ability to give Saddam an occasional bloody nose. Nonetheless, for better or worse, America's reactions to any local challenge shape its reputation and feed expectations of how it may respond next time.

The ambiguous position of France will not be a great cause for surprise or concern. The idea that the US, Britain and France, as partners in the Gulf War coalition, have been in accord about Iraq right up to this week is untenable. France has always followed a singular Middle East policy, which has often led to tensions with its allies. In the build-up to the Gulf War, President Mitterrand exasperated them with a whole series of unilateral and fruitless diplomatic initiatives. Now President Chirac has made the Middle East a top priority, giving France a high-profile role in attempts to broker settlements over Lebanon and, now, Iraq. In the regional arms trade, which takes up an inordinate amount of local diplomatic time, France considers itself an intense rival of the United States (as, for that matter, does Britain).

America and its allies are already closely involved in everyday regional affairs. The status quo is not changed by intervention, but would be by non-intervention, by withdrawing power rather than intruding it, by seeking the luxury of detachment from Middle Eastern events in place of the anxieties of an acknowledged connection with the West's welfare and security.

THE TIMES DIARY

Dark times

VIRGINIA BOTTOMLEY, Heritage Secretary and old-stager, stands accused of abandoning her local theatre. The Redgrave Theatre in her constituency in Farnham, in Surrey, claims that it is so poorly funded that it has stopped putting on plays. Films will be shown instead.

The theatre was named after the late Sir Michael Redgrave, who lived locally. It has a 20-year history of putting on bold productions, and was due to reopen at the end of the year after months of closure. But a funding deal has collapsed. The local council claims that funding promised by the South East Regional Arts has not materialised. James Gatward, the chairman of Farnham Theatre Productions, is appalled.

"When we reopen at the end of the year, we'll have to show films six days a week," he says. "It is a complete kick in the teeth. The regional arts board have turned turtle, and we haven't even had a word of support from the family for ages either." An Arts Council minion says: "We have had cuts of £5 million. What can we do?"

Mrs Bottomley, who does not list theatre among her *Who's Who* interests, refused to comment.

Michael Redgrave: memory betrayed

Rib-tickler

DAVID GOWER, the silver-haired former England cricket captain now turned pundit, is a dangerous man. Lee Hurst, a comedian with whom he is paired in the sporting comedy series *They Think It's All Over*, had to be sent to hospital during filming.

Competing in a three-legged race against Gary Lineker and the hairy comic Rory McGrath, the cricketer proved to be as quick down the course as he was at scoring runs. Sadly, Hurst was being dragged along in his wake, and as they crossed the line Hurst crashed to the ground.

"My elbow went into my ribs," he says, "and I had to go to hospital. Nothing was broken, but everything was torn. I was really in agony and it's still very sore."

Simon says

FOLLOWING in Cherie Blair's footsteps as a one-off editor of *Prima* magazine, the journalistically inclined actor Simon Callow has also been turning his hand to editing.

The November opera issue of *BBC Music Magazine* will be edited by Callow with contributions by Richard E. Grant, Doris Lessing and David Hare, "who doesn't much like opera," according to Fiona Maddocks, the full-time editor.

Something of a prima donna himself, Callow quickly got the hang of expense accounts, insisting that editorial meetings be held at a very fancy restaurant in the West End.

The Pitts

AT THE start of the campaign trail on Tuesday, John Major came up with a frightfully funny joke, comparing himself to Pitt the Younger. John joshed that Pitt became Prime Minister at the age of 24 and "remained in office for 20 years before he died of overwork and port".

Pitt, he added, "used to drink a bottle of port after breakfast, a bottle of port after lunch and dinner, and I have to tell you, after six years in Downing Street, I know precisely how he feels".

The Prime Minister had used this very joke — almost word for word — to great effect at a leaving party in No 10 in January for his friend and adviser Roderic Lyne. The old ones are always the best.

● *Losses of £400 million are taking their toll on staff at Eurostar, the train company. Staff at all offices have been told that biscuits will no longer be available with the tea and coffee. "Cost-cutting measures," explains the management.*

Hello again

THIS is Caprice Bourret. Are you pleased to see her? The nation should be, for she is the new Wonderbra girl.

Caprice is a Californian model, whose boyfriend, the Iraqi tycoon Robert Tchenguiz, was once mistakenly linked with Diana, Princess of Wales. Caprice summed up her way of life when she appeared in the recent Channel 4 series *Filthy Rich*, about affluent girls who don't need to work. "The majority of my friends are — what's a nice way? — domestically employed," she said. "It's not just lunches, travelling and charity work. I think it sounds so horrible to say they don't do anything. I never really imagine myself in a different lifestyle, ever. This is what I'm used to, this is what I'm accustomed to, this is what I was born with."

Caprice: wonder girl

And what she was born with seems to be serving her very nicely.

P·H·S

HOSTILITIES DECLARED

The political battle now begins in earnest

Phoney wars are for August; real hostilities wait for September. The change of pace in British politics this week is unlikely to slacken in the next nine months. The serious battle for the general election has begun.

The "demon-eyesing" of Tony Blair over the summer — by the Tories and by some of his own colleagues — was a mere skirmish. Now the two party leaders are racing round the country, taking advantage of what will be the last solid block of parliamentary recess time before the campaign itself.

John Major yesterday took to the skies, descending upon voters in a helicopter. Mr Blair meanwhile took to more natural territory, addressing a conference of businessmen who might still harbour doubts about Labour policies on tax, the social chapter and the minimum wage. It is a sign of Mr Blair's success (and that of his predecessor, John Smith) that Labour is no longer seen as actively hostile to the private sector. Like the Democrats in America, Britain's main opposition party is now one that business can do business with. Mr Blair does not need more than a trickle of industrialists actually lending him their support; he merely needs to ensure that his party is seen as within the pale.

When his tax policy is finally revealed, after the Budget, life will become both easier and harder. At the moment, the Tories can exploit the uncertainty about what Labour would do; once Labour's plans are published, the scope for misrepresentation narrows somewhat. Conservative Central Office will doubtless try to persuade voters that Mr Blair is not telling the truth. The political capital to be won here will be limited by the Labour leader's reputation for frankness and the Government's own record on breaking tax promises.

The less threatening that Mr Blair's tax plans are, however, the more trouble he will have with his party. That is the biggest reason for delaying them until after the Budget — and more importantly, after the party conference. If he fails to promise "higher taxes for the rich", there may be relief in the City and the CBI, but there will be calls of "betrayal" from many of his MPs and activists.

After the party conferences, the Budget and the Queen's Speech loom as important elements of both parties' battle plans. The Tories hope to use them to put their opponents even more on the defensive. The legislation in this parliamentary session will have just one objective, to embarrass the Opposition. Kenneth Clarke's room for tax cuts in November may be limited by unexpected BSE spending and low tax receipts; he will find the money somewhere.

Labour, like a yacht in a race, will tack as close to the Tories as it can, trying to take wind out of its opponents' sails. Jack Straw is not foolish enough to stand in permanent opposition to Michael Howard's criminal justice measures; indeed on gun control, Labour has shown itself more in line with popular opinion than the Tories.

All this, however, is damage limitation. It remains to be seen whether Labour is capable of regaining the initiative in the political battle. The main feature of the next nine months is likely to be a shrinking of Labour's poll rating and a recovery for the Tories. The sense of momentum will certainly boost morale in the Conservative camp. Will Mr Blair, as well as coping with the warring egos around him, be able to prevent a dangerous seepage of confidence from his own troops? That is the mark of his leadership which has yet to be tested.

ON THE EDGE

Sensitivity is needed if the loyalist ceasefire is to hold

At the end of a fraught summer for Ulster the consolations have been few. Trust between the two traditions, Unionist and nationalist, has almost evaporated. Only the maintenance of the loyalist ceasefire has given cause for hope. Now, that is being grievously tested. Violent threats have been made in an attempt to forestall yet greater violence. If the situation is not to deteriorate further then London and Dublin must show greater sensitivity to the fears of a community which requires reassurance.

Since they declared their ceasefire, Ulster's loyalist terrorists have tried to make the transition to constitutional politics. Indeed, the two loyalist parties, the Ulster Democratic Party which is associated with the Ulster Defence Association, and the Progressive Unionists, who have links with the Ulster Volunteer Force (UVF), have tried to outflank established Unionist politicians with their enthusiasm for the peace process.

Some of that enthusiasm has been the self-interest of apologists for calculating killers. The loyalists aligned themselves with the republicans, whom they came into existence to oppose, on decommissioning arms and releasing prisoners. When the Docklands bomb showed that decommissioning was more than a negotiating nicety, the loyalist leadership was left looking, at best, naive.

The IRA's resumption of the armed struggle saw Sinn Fein shut out of talks while the loyalists stayed at the table. But it was the republicans who were seen to be driving the agenda. In an effort to secure a second ceasefire, London and Dublin courted Sinn Fein and refined the preconditions for the party's entry to talks. In order to appease republican concerns, traditional marches were rerouted. It was confirmation for many in Ulster that the peremptory rasp of the blackmailer worked better than the modulated tones of the conciliator.

The pressure among Protestant paramilitaries to draw the appropriate lessons and return to violence has been growing and has found an outspoken advocate in the Portadown loyalist Billy Wright. Although his views have won private applause, Mr Wright's open defiance of the UVF leadership has made him a pariah in an organisation which, like the IRA, depends on discipline for its effectiveness. The loyalist leadership has instructed him to leave Ulster or face "summary justice". These leaders hope to remove the threat he poses to their ceasefire, and their credibility.

The threat has been attacked by some Unionists as a breach of the Mitchell principles of non-violence — the entry conditions to talks. The threat is undeniable proof that terrorists, from whatever tradition, are still inclined to deal with delicate problems by violent means. It points, again, to the difficulty of negotiating with men who are not natural democrats. But the loyalist leadership's actions are different from the IRA's return to violence. Loyalists are trying to maintain a ceasefire rather than end it for advantage. It would appear counter-productive, at this stage, to expel the loyalist parties from the talks.

If, however, the ceasefire is to be underpinned then other steps must be taken. Pessimism and suspicion about the direction of the peace process spread far beyond paramilitary circles. The majority in Ulster who want to remain in the United Kingdom have felt their position progressively undermined, and seen politics yield few prizes. London and Dublin have a duty to guarantee that they will not erode any further the position of a community on the edge.

THE ROMANOV FILE

Russia is at last coming to terms with regicide

As American missiles rain down on Iraq and Moscow admits that the war in Chechenia has now claimed up to 90,000 lives, Liechtenstein seems an odd place to find the Russian Foreign Minister. Yet Yevgeni Primakov is sojourning in a tiny Alpine state half the size of the Isle of Wight, not for the pleasure of its scenery, but in order to recover a precious fragment of Russia's past.

The Sokolov archive, which documents in uniquely gory detail the Bolsheviks' murder of Tsar Nicholas II and his family, has a symbolic value to the Yeltsin Government far beyond the £500,000 estimate which it failed to reach at Sotheby's in 1990. The collection was assembled in 1918 by the man appointed by the anti-Bolshevik Whites to investigate the bloodbath at Yekaterinburg, and passed to the Orlov family, who left it in a bank vault until Prince Hans-Adam II von und zu Liechtenstein bought it in 1990.

It was not without tenacity and hard bargaining that the principality's Royal Family survived the "mediatisation" which swept away Europe's other princelings during the century that separated the Congress of Vienna and the Treaty of Versailles. The present Prince had given up pleading with the Kremlin to return his family archive, which the Red Army captured in Berlin in 1945. Instead, the resourceful Hans-Adam acquired the Sokolov archive as a bargaining counter just collapse of the Soviet Union

Russia's present curiosity about the Romanovs and their assassination is by no means morbid. Regicide, a kind of collective parricide, scars a nation's conscience for many generations. The English took at least a century to come to terms with the execution of Charles I, revered by many as a martyr; the French have taken even longer to heal the wounds inflicted by the guillotining of Louis XVI ("Louis Capet") and Marie Antoinette.

Until the Sokolov archive and other lost documents surfaced, historians of the Russian Revolution still debated such questions as whether Lenin personally ordered the liquidation of the imperial clan. The ending of 70 years of selective amnesia has produced an explosion of research, of which Orlando Figes's *A People's Tragedy*, reviewed in *The Times* last week, is the latest fruit. Though Dr Figes is a man of the Left, his history is, as its title suggests, a lament for the destruction wreaked by the Bolsheviks, not an apologia for their achievements in the manner of the late E. H. Carr.

Boris Yeltsin's interest in all this is personal as well as political. The former Communist Party boss of Sverdlovsk (Yekaterinburg) has never been forgiven by many Russians for ordering the demolition of the building in which the butchery took place. If the oft-postponed reburial of the Romanovs' remains in their family vault at St Petersburg goes ahead, it may salve the uneasy consciences of the Russian President

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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'Baseless' slur on civil servants

From Sir Donald Acheson

Sir, In the otherwise admirable programme on the recent reforms to the National Health Service broadcast by the BBC on Sunday evening (*Safe with Us: The Right Prescription*), the former Chancellor of the Exchequer, Nigel Lawson, said with reference to the support given to the then Secretary of State for Health:

> He was not very well served by his officials because the officials of the Department of Health are not very high calibre and had no great sympathy with the ideas he was putting forward, so what came forward was rather garbled and unconvincing.

In these remarks Lord Lawson revives a practice of public derogation by ministers of civil servants — who have no opportunity to reply — which was prevalent during the administration in which he served. The baseless insinuation of personal partiality is particularly unfortunate.

As I discovered when I entered Whitehall in 1983 the intellectual capacity of the career civil servants was at least as high as in other professions or in academic life, and I was also able to confirm their legendary capacity to suppress personal bias and give ministers balanced, objective advice on the best evidence available.

Lord Lawson may be assured that during the period in question civil servants were working faithfully to develop the ideas put to them by ministers to the highest standard, and in the objective tradition of the Civil Service, often against impossible deadlines. They were also trying desperately to bring order to disorder, and to save a ship which seemed sometimes at risk of foundering in a sea of acrimony.

Yours sincerely,
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September 4.

Malaise at BBC

From Miss Barbara Todd

Sir, The frequent assertions of the current Director-General (most recently at the Edinburgh Television Festival, in the speech which you reported on August 24) that he has transformed a "bloated, inefficient BBC" without damaging creativity represent an arrogant disregard for much that was achieved by the Corporation before his arrival.

I retired ten years ago, having worked for the BBC in the radio, external services and appointments departments: an interesting and varied career of nearly 40 years — the last 15 years of which gave me a wide knowledge of the production areas in the regions as well as in London.

During this time there was the opportunity to recruit excellent candidates to production and technical training schemes which were rightly the envy of the profession, and the freedom to foster creativity and experimentation in the programme-making areas.

Be aware that I am not lulled into imagining a golden age; but it is invidious to imply that high standards of production and careful use of limited resources were not priorities in the past. By contrast, the present malaise and uncertainty which exists in the BBC does not, sadly, augur well for its future.

Yours faithfully,
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September 1.

Leeds candidate

From Mr Fabian Hamilton

Sir, Your report today (later editions) of my selection as Labour prospective parliamentary candidate in Leeds North East omitted to mention that each of the seven county court judgments made against me for bad debts in the last seven years has been satisfied, with all debts having been paid.

I would remind Jane Young, the Labour Party activist whom you quote as having said that no one in the business community would touch me with my "track record", that from 1994 to 1996 I was responsible on Leeds City Council for links with the business community. At no time during that period were my past business problems mentioned or deemed relevant.

Yours sincerely,
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September 2.

No Lib Dem 'silence' in EU debate

From Mr Charles Kennedy,
MP for Ross, Cromarty and Skye
(Liberal Democrat)

Sir, Your leading article today, "Silence in the centre", is quite wrong to suggest the Liberal Democrats are avoiding open debate about Europe.

At our spring conference in Nottingham a full-scale debate resulted in a vote approving overwhelmingly our detailed policy document on the intergovernmental conference. You would be mightily hard pressed to caricature either the policy itself, or that debate, as being in any way *sotto voce* or sceptical.

You dismiss as the "only" European motions at our forthcoming Brighton conference those on the common fisheries policy and BSE. But these vexed issues go to the very heart of the UK European debate.

Furthermore, it is downright contradictory to accuse us of "taking a vow of silence" while at the same time hinting of the "room for the rhetoric to be more anti-Brussels" in the CFP and BSE debates. You cannot close down debate and engineer fresh clamour simultaneously.

I look forward to your coverage of our conference get-together. You may find that the European issue surfaces in both my own and my leader's contributions as well. The Euro-interested will not find themselves stranded, silenced or soulless at the end of Brighton pier.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES KENNEDY
(Liberal Democrat Spokesman
on European Union Affairs),
House of Commons.
September 3.

University success of state schools

From the Secretary of the
Headmasters' and Headmistresses'
Conference

Sir, Congratulations to those schools which appeared in your list of schools where A-level candidates scored an average 15 Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) points or more. It is sad that Dr John Rae ("Battle of the A levels", Education, August 23) turns this into a battle between state and independent schools.

It is surely not surprising that there are state schools among the top 100. Indeed, given the nature of selection of pupils in some parts of the country and the fact that fewer than 10 per cent of A-level candidates are from independent schools, one might have expected to see more.

Even some of the well-known independent schools mentioned by Dr Rae have far fewer applicants for places than the selective grant-maintained schools. We all know that a significant factor in examination success is the ability of the candidate on entry to the school. Hopefully it will not be long before tables based on "value-added" (a pupil's academic improvement during his/her school career) will appear.

Dr Rae's view that it will be better for pupils and parents when the challenge of the best state schools is increased is shared by many. At GCSE that situation is already evident. Some state schools are, of course, already performing so well (eg, achieving 100 per cent A-C grades in five GCSE subjects) that further improvement is not likely to affect statistics. At A level, where the challenges are greater, there are still significant gaps to be closed between different types of schools.

The cause is not helped by Dr Rae's unsupported statement that independent school pupils are more likely to be "busted" for using illegal drugs and are less well behaved than pupils from state schools. Such statements are more likely to cause offence than to cast light on the situation. That the total number of pupils in HMC schools has risen in every one of the past 20 years is due not only to improving examination results but also because these schools continue to meet the demands of parents and pupils for a good all-round education.

Yours faithfully,
V. S. ANTHONY,
Secretary, The Headmasters' and
Headmistresses' Conference,
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September 2.

From Mr Jeremy Baker

Sir, In your leading article of August 26, "Entering Oxford: University admissions statistics tell a complex story", you noted the large differences in success rates of state school and fee-paying school applicants. But you failed to discuss the impact of money. A quick look at fee-paying schools' prospectuses and local government budgets does reveal that there are financial differences between the two school sectors.

To try to explain the relative success of fee-paying schools, you gave the reason that state schools have dropped Latin and Ancient Greek from their curriculum. But, since you refused to mention money, you appeared to suggest that it is mere oafishness that stops state schools from offering Latin and Ancient Greek to pupils.

In analysing these school statistics, your news story of the same day, "Public schools win more Oxford places", would have been better headed: "Pupils who have had three times more money spent on their education sometimes gain better exam results." And your editorial should have been headed: "Oxford University often prefers applicants who have had three times more money spent on their education."

Yours faithfully,
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Excluded pupils

From the General Secretary
of the NASUWT

Sir, Contrary to the comments (report, September 2) of a regional official of the National Union of Teachers, about violent and disruptive youngsters, the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT) has no special campaign to seek publicity in such cases "in order to recruit more members". We are merely continuing a policy we have been implementing consistently for the last quarter of a century.

The number and the severity of the cases, the publicity sought by some of the families, the closure of many special schools for youngsters with extreme emotional and behavioural difficulties leaving mainstream schools "to cope", the pressure produced by the plethora of recent reforms, financial cutbacks and declining standards of behaviour generally constitute new and exacerbating circumstances.

Where appeal panels take decisions at variance with teachers and governors they fatally undermine the authority of the school.

Ironically, the NASUWT shares the reported NUT experience that most cases are settled quietly behind the scenes.

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL de GRUCHY,
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September 3.

India's weapons

From Mr K. K. Singh

Sir, Your Diplomatic Editor reports (August 30) that Mr Malcolm Rifkind has criticised India for not signing the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), adding that this could lead to the failure of the treaty.

The mandate to the Conference on Disarmament in June 1996 was to achieve universal nuclear disarmament, so as to enhance international peace and security. Does this draft CTBT aim to eliminate all nuclear weapons? It is, in reality, not a comprehensive test ban treaty but only a "nuclear weapon test explosion ban treaty".

What India has proposed is a disarmament framework, as part of a step-by-step process aimed at achieving complete elimination of all nuclear weapons within a time-bound framework.

Why should the five nuclear powers claim themselves as the global guardians and thus be a special case to continue to retain huge piles of nuclear weapons? It is the discriminatory character of the treaty to which India objects.

Yours faithfully,
K. K. SINGH
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Modern nursing

From Mrs Elizabeth Jenkins

Sir, It is a pity that Sir Patrick Cable-Alexander has such a narrow view of the nurse of today ("Exam questions to baffle and bemuse", letter, August 29).

Nursing in the 1990s is complex and diverse. Not only are nurses required to give direct "old-fashioned" care, they are also responsible for co-ordinating and managing the needs of groups of patients in many different circumstances. This requires teamwork with doctors, physiotherapists, nutritionists, pharmacies, social workers and spiritual counsellors — and such wide-ranging collaboration ledge and skills required for today's nurse. Working in the current climate of continuing change in the health service, as well as responding to people's changing needs for care, a nurse with skills in managing change can only be of benefit to the healthcare system.

Yours truly,
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(Director, Department of
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August 30.

From Mrs Celia M. Deeks

Sir, I am thankful that others out there are baffled by new management in nursing practice.

I have worked for 22 years in a small local private nursing home which is subject to biannual inspection by the health authority. On the last visit, on August 23, we were astonished to be told by the inspector that we were spreading infection by hanging washing on the line in the garden: the tumble dryer only is to be used.

I suggest that housewives should be warned of this risk. Or are washing lines already obsolete?

Yours faithfully,
C. M. DEEKS

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They

Royal consent to heir's remarriage

From Professor Rodney Brazier

Sir, The argument in Lord Rees-Mogg's article, "Charles doesn't need permission to marry" (September 2), that the Royal Marriages Act no longer applies generally to the Royal Family has been known to constitutional lawyers for many years. But how would the legal point ever be settled conclusively? By the Prince of Wales seeking a declaration that he did not need consent to remarry, and being opposed in court by lawyers acting for the Queen?

That is far-fetched, especially because in practice it has been assumed by sovereigns and their issue (including the Queen and the Prince) that consent *is* required for all royal marriages, which in those circumstances is practically as binding as any statute.

But this legalistic argument is not the main point. The Prince of Wales, as heir to the throne, is bound to accept ministerial advice. He could not remarry if the Cabinet advised against it in a particular case.

Yours faithfully,
RODNEY BRAZIER
(Professor of Constitutional Law),
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September 3.

From Mr D. N. Chesters

Sir, Lord Rees-Mogg's fascinating article on the Royal Marriages Act 1772 and the supposed exemption from its provision in the case of the Prince of Wales seems flawed.

The line of succession from George II to Charles Prince of Wales does not contain any princesses who married into foreign families. Foreign princesses have married into the family but that does not affect the issue. Neither does the descent of the late Queen Mary (Mary of Teck) from George II through her mother, Princess Mary Adelaide, invalidate the provisions.

George II was succeeded by his grandson, George III, he in turn being succeeded by two of his sons. Through another son, Edward Duke of Kent, Queen Victoria ascended the throne. However, although it could be claimed that Victoria married into a foreign family in marrying Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, in fact and in law the Prince married into the Royal Family, as by the time of the marriage Victoria was Queen regnant.

We then have direct male succession to the present Queen. Elizabeth II, it is true, contracted a marriage while still a princess, but not to a foreign house. Philip Mountbatten was a naturalised British subject, albeit before the marriage he was a prince of Greece and Denmark.

In any event I am sure the lawyers would conclude that the surest way of construing what King George III meant in forcing the law on to the statute book was to give the Sovereign (on advice) some control of the line of succession: quite right too!

Yours truly,
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Royal progress

From Mr Paul H. Drexler

Sir, While the House of Windsor has received some unkind attention from Fleet Street commentators, in some parts of the Commonwealth such concerns take a back seat. At Smuggler's Cove on Tortola, in the British Virgin Islands, I recently came across the Lincoln Continental sedan in which the Queen rode during her visit to this island in 1966.

Proudly displayed inside a hurricane-ravaged beach house, guarded by a rusty five pounder and an imposing assortment of flotsam and coral, it provided a mute, yet eloquent commentary of its own.

Yours faithfully,
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A long view

From Mr Robert G. Drake

Sir, A notice in the ophthalmic department of the Huddersfield Royal Infirmary states that: "Due to circumstances beyond our control, there may be delays in patients being seen."

Could this be a result of short-sighted health cuts?

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT G. DRAKE,
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Morningside patter

From Mrs Sheila M. Brammer

Sir, Glaswegians have known how to pronounce Edinburgh (article, August 22; see also letter, September 2) for over 20 years.

The correct version is "Embrer" and this was confirmed as the accepted pronounciation in the west of Scotland when the "Chookie Embrer's Awa' Skim" was introduced. This excellent institution is known in England as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

Yours faithfully,
SHEILA M. BRAMMER,
Cesterbridge House.

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BALMORAL CASTLE

September 4: The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded Mrs Robert de Pass as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

The Duke of Edinburgh today visited the Farnborough International Aerospace Exhibition 1996 and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire (Mrs Christopher Fagan).

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

September 4: The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening held a meeting at Buckingham Palace.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

September 4: The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, this morning attended the "Realities and Dreams" International Conference on Residential Child Care at John Anderson Campus, University of Strathclyde, and was received by Councillor Mrs Susan Baird (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Glasgow).

Her Royal Highness, President, Riding for the Disabled Association, later opened Shiresmill Riding Centre, Dunfermline, and was received by Lady Martha Rose (Deputy Lieutenant of Fife).

Royal engagements

The Duke of York will visit the Single Regeneration Budget for the Portland Project at Victoria Square, Portland, Dorset, at 10.30; will open Portland Family Centre, Castle Road, at 10.45; will open Brackenbury Infants' School and Community Nursery Unit, 3 Yards Close, Clovens Road, at 11.20; will open the Preston Beach Sea Defence Scheme, Weymouth, at 12.30; and will open Bridport Fire Station, Sea Road South, at 2.00.

The Princess Royal will open the Archway medical practice, Bank Street, Stornoway, at 10.20; will open the Callernish pharmaceutical company's plant at Breasclete, Isle of Lewis, at 11.20; as patron, Citizens Advice Scotland, will visit Nairn Citizens Advice Bureau, 6 High Street, at 1.50; and will open Loch Ness Harbour, Urquhart Bay, Drumnadrochit, Inverness-shire, at 3.50.

The Duke of Kent, as Colonel-in-Chief of the Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, will visit the Military Museum of Devon and Dorset, the Keep, Dorchester, at 10.30; as patron, will visit the Tank Museum, Bovington, at noon; and, as President of the RNLI, will open the Harbour Hospital, St Mary's Road, Poole, at 3.00.

University news

University of Reading

The personal title of Professor has been conferred on the following from October 1:

Dr C C **Brown** (senior lecturer in English) Professor of English; Dr E J T **Collins** (senior lecturer in agricultural economics and management) Professor of Rural History; Dr J M **Dunwell** (industrial research fellow in agricultural botany) Professor of Plant Biotechnology; Dr C A **Howells** (Reader in Canadian literature) Professor of English and Canadian Literature; Dr A E **Kemp** (senior lecturer in arts and humanities in education) Professor of Music Education

The following have had the personal title of Reader conferred on them from October 1:

Dr H G H **Härke** (lecturer in archaeology) Reader in Archaeology; Dr J A **McKeating** (lecturer in animal and microbial sciences) Reader in Virology; Dr R J **Barkham** (lecturer in land management and development) Reader in Finance.

The following Lecturers have been promoted to Senior Lecturer:

Dr G K **Cook** (construction management & engineering) Senior Lecturer in Building Engineering; Mr T A **Edmond** (fine art) Senior Lecturer in Fine Art; Dr F **Tallett** (history) Senior Lecturer in History; Dr S P **Hopkin** (animal and microbial sciences) Senior Lecturer in Ecotoxicology; Ms E J **Howkins** (community studies) Senior Lecturer in Community Studies; Mr R G **Knowles** (English) Senior Lecturer in English; Dr C J **Kent** (music) Senior Lecturer in Music; Dr S J **Mithen** (archaeology) Senior Lecturer in Archaeology; Mr D **Porter** (CALS) Senior Lecturer in Applied Language Studies; Mrs A **Redfern** (arts and humanities in education) Senior Lecturer in Language in Education; Dr T U **Rehman** (agriculture) Senior Lecturer in Agricultural Economics; Dr P K **Sweby** (mathematics) Senior Lecturer in Mathematics; Dr M del C **Wyke** (Classics) Senior Lecturer in Classics.

Birthdays today

Dr Aileen Adams, anaesthetist, 73; Lord Alexander of Weedon, QC, 60; Mr Malcolm Allison, football manager, 59; Mr Christopher Beazley, former MEP, 44; Miss Meg Beresford, former general secretary, CND, 59; Mr David Brabham, racing driver, 31; Viscount Chilston, 50; Mr Dick Clement, scriptwriter, 59; Major-General G.O. Cowan, President, Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, 57; Mr R.J. Dunn, executive director, News International TV, 53; Miss Tracy Edwards, yachtswoman, 34; Sir Robin Fearn, diplomat, 62; Dr David Fussey, Vice-Chancellor, Greenwich University, 53; Mr David Graham, former Chief Constable, Cheshire, 63; Dame Elizabeth Hedley-Miller, civil servant, 73; Professor Julian Hunt, chief executive, Meteorological Office, 55; Sir Francis Loyd, former colonial officer, 80; Mr Kevin McNamara, MP, 62; Mrs Doreen Massey, former director, Family Planning Association, 58; Mr Justice Mummery, 58; Canon Peter Pilkington, chairman, Broadcasting Complaints Commission, 63; Miss Jean Rankine, deputy director, British Museum, 55; Mr G.W. Tremlett, author, 57; Sir Denys Wilkinson, former Vice-Chancellor, Sussex University, 74.

Sir Fitzroy Maclean of Dunconnel

Those wishing to attend the memorial service for Sir Fitzroy Maclean of Dunconnel on September 25 should, if they have not already done so, contact Mrs Susan Stafford on 0171 935 0075.

Luncheon

The London Institute

Mr Julian E. Markham, Chairman of The London Institute, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at the Institute's headquarters in Davies Street, W1. The guests included:

The Right Hon Virginia Bottomley (Secretary of State for National Heritage), Mr Ralph Koltai, CBE (Honorary Fellow, The London Institute), Mr Clive J Pickford (Chairman, Jones Lang Wootton), Mr Martin Marks (Partner, Walsh Lawson), Mr Alan Rapkin (Governor, The London Institute) and Sir William Stubbs (Rector, The London Institute).

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Julian Smith, Rector, Axbridge w Shipham and Rowberrow: to be Vicar, Taunton St Andrew (Bath & Wells).

The Rev David Stevens, Rector, Illogan (Truro): to be Vicar, Highworth w Sevenhampton and Inglesham and Hannington (Bristol).

The Rev David Tudor, permission to officiate (Southwark): to be Vicar, Luton All Saints' w St Peter (St Albans).

The Rev Daniel Tyndall, Assistant Curate, Wolverhampton (Lichfield): to be Assistant Curate, Bristol Redcliffe w Temple and Bedminster St John the Baptist (Bristol).

The Rev John Tyrrell, Vicar, Darby Green: to be Vicar, Chineham Christ Church (Winchester).

The Rev Ruth Walker, Assistant Curate (NSM), The Lydiards: to be part-time Assistant Curate, Swindon St Andrew and St John the Baptist (Bristol).

Resignations and retirements

Canon Alder Gofton, Rector, Bolam w Whalton and Hartburn w Meldon, and Vicar, Netherwitton (Newcastle): to retire September 30.

Canon Alan Luff, Canon Residentiary, Birmingham Cathedral: to retire September 30.

The Rev Sheila Wareham, Priest-in-charge, Colton (Carlisle): to retire.

PAUL ASHTON

A 12ft x 9ft mural painted by Mary Fedden in Highridge School, Bristol, for its opening in 1956, which is to be restored after the headmistress realised its true value as she investigated its past for the school's 40th anniversary

School news

Bishop's Stortford College

Winter Term begins at Bishop's Stortford College today. Open Morning is on September 28, when the new Artificial Grass Pitch will be opened. The Rev Jim Hart replaces the Rev Hugh Talbott as Chaplain. Jonathan Brooks is Head of School. A Sixth Form Entry evening, for external candidates, will be held on Monday, September, 30.

Channing School

Autumn Term begins on September 5, with 480 pupils. School Officers are Charlotte Ashby (Head Girl), Katherine Wright, Natasha Banks, Elizabeth Bloom, Marilyn Cohen, Kate Delevaux, Anna Hamilton, Claire Johnstone, Tamara Kysel and Lauren Preteceille. Guest speaker at the Channing Association Annual General Meeting on Thursday, October 17, will be The Princess Sarvath el Hassan, Crown Princess of Jordan (Old Girl). Professional concerts in aid of the Development Fund are on Sundays at 5pm, on October 6 and 13 and November 3 and 10, in the Old Hall. Tickets are available from the school office. Old Girls are invited to all events, including the Carol Concert on Wednesday, December 18, at 7.30pm.

Culford School

The Autumn Term begins today. Mr Stuart Nicholson is the new Housemaster of Storey House, Miss Kay Bleazard becomes Housemistress of Jocelyn House and Mrs Christine Orton takes over Cadogan House, now a co-educational junior boarding-house. The Head Boy is Johnathan Gordon and Elisabeth Auchincloss is Head Girl. Benjamin Unwin is Captain of Rugby and Rebekah Phillips is Captain of Girls' Hockey. Prize-giving will be on Saturday, September 21, and the Presentation of Sixth Form Opportunities will be on Saturday, November 16. The Founders' Day Service will take place on Friday, November 22, immediately before the Long Exeat. The Carol Service will be at St Edmundsbury Cathedral on Friday, December 13, when the Term ends.

Dean Close School

The Michaelmas Term begins today. Clare Marchand is Head of School and James Mears is her deputy, he is also Captain of Rugby and Joanna Fulton Captain of Hockey. The Old Decanian Games' Day will be on September 10 and Open Day on September 21. The Prep Schools' Choral Course is on October 15 and 17 and the Triathlon on October 6. The Douglas Graham Memorial Lecture, given by Professor N.V. Witts, will be on November 15. The Choral Society will perform Handel's *Messiah* on December 1. Carols by Candlelight will be on December 9 and 10 and term ends on December 11.

Felsted School

Autumn term at Felsted School began on September 4 and ends after the Carol Service on December 12. Eric Rugundu is Head of School and Mialy Clark is Deputy Head of School. The reunion for pre 1955 OFs is on October 5. Open Afternoon for prospective pupils will be held at 1.30pm on September 14 and Open Evening for prospective Sixth Form pupils at 6pm on October 4.

Harrogate Ladies' College

Harrogate Ladies' College opened yesterday for the Autumn Term with Dr Margaret J. Hustler, BSc, PhD, as Headmistress. Head of School Susanna Peckett, Deputy Kate Bardsley, Head of Day Girls Amy Wall and Deputy Pru Fowler, Head of Choir Elizabeth Morgan. Events for the term include Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 6, a "taster weekend" for 9 to 13 year olds on October 12 and 13, a Challenge of Industry Conference for Lower VI on November 5 and 6. The Choir will record their Advent Carol Service for Radio 3 on October 14, sing Evensong in Durham Cathedral on November 11 and carols in the Harrogate Pump Room on December 8. Carol Service for parents and friends on Wednesday, December 11, in St Wilfrid's Church at 2.15pm. Half Term is October 19 to 26 and term ends on Thursday, December 12.

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Headington School, Oxford

Autumn Term begins today when Mrs Hilary Fender takes up her appointment as Headmistress and Nicola Waite continues as Head of School. Professor W.D. Hamilton will deliver a BAYS lecture on Death, Sex and Evolution on Thursday, September 19, and Sir Claus Moser, Chancellor of Keele University and the National Commission of Education will be Speaker at the Annual Prize Giving on Friday, October 18. The Upper Sixth Theatre Studies group will perform *A Doll's House* on November 14 and 15 and the main school production of *Twelfth Night* will take place on Thursday, December 5 and Friday, December 6. The School Sale takes place on Friday, December 13, and the Carol Service will be in Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday, December 15. Term ends on Wednesday, December 18.

Kelly College

Kelly College is pleased to welcome a record 95 new pupils when term begins today. Mr David Wilson takes up his appointment as Second Master, Mrs Elizabeth Rowley and Mr Tim Jones take up their positions on the restructured management team as Deputy Heads. Mr Christopher Kirwin has been appointed to the position of Development Officer to launch the Millennium Appeal. The new junior house, Conway, opens with Mr Richard Skillington as Housemaster. The Duchy/Kelly Equestrian Scholarship scheme is launched with eight pupils taking up their awards. Alan Sanders is to be Head of School. An open day is to be held on Saturday, October 5, when all visitors will be most welcome to visit the school and meet the Headmaster.

Kingston Grammar School

Term began yesterday with 606 pupils. The School Captain is Daniel Simon and Vice Captain Kasia Podrucka. Mrs J. Wright joins the school as Director of Information Technology. Mr P.R. Ekberg retires as Chairman of Governors in October, after eighteen years distinguished service to the school as a governor. An Open Evening for prospective pupils and parents will be held on Wednesday, October 9, from 6.30pm and a special A-level Forum for prospective sixth form students at 7.30pm on Thursday, October 3. The Old Kingstonian Association annual dinner will take place on Friday, November 1, and Prizegiving is on Friday, November 15, in All Saints Parish Church, when the prizes will be presented by Professor Gordon Conway (old Kingstonian), Vice-Chancellor University of Sussex. Term ends on Friday, December 13, with the Festival of Lessons and Carols taking place at 8.00pm in St Andrew's Church, Surbiton on December 12.

Pipers Corner School, High Wycombe

The Autumn term begins today at Pipers Corner, Great Kingshill. Mrs Valerie Stattersfield, MA (Oxon), has taken up her appointment as Headmistress. Sarah Finlay is Head Girl. The school's Open Day — to which visitors are most welcome — takes place on Saturday, October 12, between 10am and 1pm. Performances of the school production are on November 28, 29 and 30, at 7.30pm, with a matinee performance at 2.00pm on November 30. The AGM of the Association and the Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, December 7, and the Carol Service is at 11.00am on Thursday, December 12, at All Saints' Parish Church, High Wycombe.

Queen's Gate School, London SW7

The Autumn Term begins today. The joint Head Girls for the year are Sarah Balian and Eleanor Stride. Open Evenings for 11+ candidates and their parents for entry in September 1997 will be held on Wednesday, October 30, and Thursday, October 31, at 6.30pm. Half term is from Monday, October 21, to Friday, October 25. The Carol Service will be held at St Augustine's Church, Queen's Gate, on Wednesday, December 11, at 2.30pm and term ends on Thursday, December 12.

Reigate Grammar School

Mr P.V. Dixon takes up his appointment as Headmaster when the Autumn Term begins today. Speech Day will be on Friday, September 27, when the Guest of Honour will be Baroness Trumpington. Mr Robert Napier will present the prizes at the Junior Prizegiving to be held earlier in the same day. The Open Morning will be on Saturday, October 5, at 9.30am and there will be an Open Afternoon on Thursday, November 7, at 2.30pm. The Old Reigatian Rugby, Hockey and Football Matches will be played at Hartswood at 2.00pm on Sunday, December 15. There will be Carol Services in St Mary's Church at 2.30pm and 7.30pm on Wednesday, December 18, and the term will end on Thursday, December 19.

St John's School, Leatherhead

Michaelmas Term begins today at St John's School, Leatherhead. The term sees the launch of the 150th Anniversary Appeal. Mr Chris Moller (PE), Mr Mark Salkeld (Economics) and Miss Ruth Sullivan (Geography) have joined the teaching staff. Henry Harris is Captain of the School and of Rugby Football. The ODS production of Ibsen's *When We Dead Awaken* is on November 21, 22 and 23. Choral Evensong is at 6.30pm on Wednesday, November 20, and the School Concert is at 7.30pm on Sunday, December 8. The Old Johnian Annual Dinner will be held at the School on Friday, November 22. There will be a memorial service for Mr Tom Peacock, former Housemaster of East House, at noon on Saturday, September 28. Open Morning is on Saturday, October 12, and the Lower Sixth Scholarship and entry tests for girls will be held on Saturday, November 16.

West Heath

The new school year begins at West Heath on Thursday, September 5. The Head Girl is Hannah Walker-Arnott, the Deputy Head Girls are Lucy Ellison and Georgina Findlay. Open Day is on Sunday, October 6, 2pm-5pm, and Prize Giving is on Saturday, December 14, at 2.30pm. Applications for Scholarships are welcome. Enquiries to Mrs A. Pitts on 01732 452541.

Woodbridge School

The Michaelmas Term at Woodbridge School, Suffolk, begins today. Georgina Cook and Henry Hall are Head and Deputy Head of School respectively. The Guest of Honour at Speech Day on September 21 will be Dr John Rae. Band Day is November 10 and the Grand Charity Ball on December 14. Term ends with Carol Services in St Mary's Church on December 18. Details of all concerts, lectures, equestrian and other events may be obtained from the School, 01394 385547.

Wrekin College

The Christmas Term started at Wrekin College on Tuesday, September 3. There will be a Concert by the Orchestra of The Birmingham Conservatoire Junior School on Saturday, October 19, and a school production of *The Crucible* from November 18-21. The Old Wrekinian Association Dinner is on Saturday, December 7, and the Christmas Concert is on Thursday, December 12. Term ends with the Carol Service on Saturday, December 14.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.A.G. Beilby
and Miss T.J. Morris-Marsham

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr Guy Beilby, of Evenlode, Oxfordshire, and Mrs John Hills, of East Witton, North Yorkshire, and Tiffany, daughter of Mr Jack Morris-Marsham, of Ewen, Gloucestershire, and Mrs Robert Worlidge, of Bath, Somerset.

Mr D.A. Calder
and Miss C.M. Hunter

The engagement is announced between David, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Iain Calder, of London, W9, and Catherine, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs John Hunter, of Hildersham, Cambridge.

Mr M.J. Curley
and Miss G. Stewart

The engagement is announced between Michael James, eldest son of Mrs Louisa Curley and the late Mr Harold Curley, of Sheffield, and Gillian, eldest daughter of Mrs Marie Stewart and the late Mr Tom Stewart, of Henley-in-Arden.

Mr C.E. D'Oyly
and Miss S.L. Graham

The engagement is announced between Charles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Nigell D'Oyly, of Albury, Hertfordshire, and Suzanna, daughter of Mr Colin Graham, of Perthshire, and Lady Bruntisfield.

Colonel T.M. Fitzalan Howard
and Miss J.M. Don

The engagement is announced between Thomas Michael, son of Major-General Lord Michael Fitzalan Howard and the late Lady Michael Fitzalan Howard, and Joanna Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Don, of North Elmham, Norfolk.

The Hon J.D. Goold
and Miss S.M. Howie

The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Lord Goold, of Waterfoot, Glasgow, and the late Lady Goold, and Suzanne, daughter of Mrs Diane Howie, of Lenzie.

Mr H.J. Hyde
and Miss J.E.M. Dowty

The engagement is announced between Henry, son of Mr and Mrs John Hyde, of Perth, Western Australia, and Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Leo Dowty, of Luffenhall, Hertfordshire.

Mr J.M. Lewis
and Miss C.E.C. Wontner

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of Mr and Mrs Paul Lewis, of Leigh on Sea, Essex, and Charlotte, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Giles Wontner, of Herstmonceux, Sussex.

Mr M.E.A. Luzi
and Miss R.J. Oates

The engagement is announced between Mario, only son of Mr and Mrs A.C.A. Luzi, of Sunbury upon Thames, Surrey, and Rebecca, only daughter of Canon and Mrs John Oates, of Fleet Street in the City of London.

Mr H.E.B. Mayhew
and Miss G. Hallyburton

The engagement is announced between Henry, second son of Sir Patrick and Lady Mayhew, of Cranbrook, Kent, and Gail, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Walter Hallyburton, of Balerno, Midlothian.

Professor R. Scruton
and the Hon Sophie Jeffreys

The engagement is announced between Roger, only son of the late Mr and Mrs Jack Scruton, and Sophie, youngest daughter of the late Lord Jeffreys and of Annie-Lou Lady Jeffreys.

Baron Vincent of Coleshill

The life barony conferred upon Field Marshal Sir Richard Frederick Vincent has been gazetted by the name, style and title of **Baron Vincent of Coleshill**, of Shrivenham, in the County of Oxfordshire.

Anniversaries today

BIRTHS: Louis XIV, King of France 1643-1715, St Germain-en-Laye, 1638; Johann Christian Bach, composer, Leipzig, 1735; Robert Fergusson, poet, Edinburgh, 1750; Caspar Friedrich, painter, Greifswald, Germany, 1774; John Wisden, cricketer and founder of the cricket annual bearing his name, Brighton, 1826; Victorien Sardou, dramatist, Paris, 1831; Jesse James, outlaw, Clay County, Missouri, 1847; Arthur Koestler, novelist and critic, Budapest, 1905; Russell Harty, broadcaster, Blackburn, 1934; Freddie Mercury, singer and songwriter, Zanzibar, 1946.

DEATHS: Edmund Bonner, Bishop of London 1539-49 and 1553-59, Marshalsea Prison, London, 1569; John Home, dramatist, Edinburgh, 1808; Auguste Comte, philosopher, founder of Positivism, Paris, 1857; Sir Douglas Bader, Second World War fighter pilot, London, 1982.

The first American Congress met in Philadelphia, 1774.

French troops occupying Malta surrendered to the British, 1800.

William McKinlay, 25th American President 1897-1901, was shot in Buffalo, New York, and died on September 14, 1901.

Arab terrorists killed 11 Israelis at the Olympic Games, Munich, 1972.

The Grange School

The Governors of The Grange School, Northwich, Cheshire announce that Mrs Jennifer Stephen has been appointed Head in succession to Mr Scott Marshall who retires after twenty years in July 1997. Mrs Stephen is at present Head of Gateways School, Leeds.

Latest wills

Joan Elizabeth **Millachip**, of Petworth, West Sussex, left estate valued at £1,447,613 net.

She left £1,000 to her cat Freda, to ensure she has a kind and loving home; failing that, to deliver Freda and pay the legacy to the Cats Protection League; £5,000 each to the National Canine Defence League; Cancer Research Campaign; and the Cats Protection League; £3,000 to the vicar and churchwardens of St John the Baptist church, Kirdford; £4,000 to the Rahere Association, also known as The Friends of St Bartholomew's Hospital; The Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund, and the Royal British Legion. The residuary of the estate one equal fourth to the British Red Cross Society, The Salvation Army, King Edward VII Hospital (Midhurst) and Queen Elizabeth's Foundation of the Disabled.

Morris **Leigh**, of northwest London, left estate valued at £8,770,463 net.

He left a £1 million trust fund to his grandsons Howard Leigh, Jonathan Stone and John Harris, and £30,000 to Brenda Smith, his secretary.

Esma Mae, **Baroness Grey of Naunton**, of Overbrook Naunton, Gloucestershire, left estate valued at £271,137 net. She left her estate mostly to relatives.

Institute of Risk Management

The following candidates were successful in the institute's examinations in June:

Associates: R C Adams, E R Arnold, P R Beattie, M G Bignell, G I Blake, J R Boothroyd, Mrs S A Boyce, R F Brown, K E Bridge, A J Buck, P Chandrasekar, D Clay, S Clowes, L J Condie, D M Cooper, W J Danaher, C J Edwards, B Ellis, V Gopalakrishnan, R P Gore, B G Harnell, S J Henderson, I Helyar, M P Jackson, Miss E L Jenkins, E M Keeley, D Khullar, L F King, P Koigi, R K T Krishnan, K J Linton, S W Lowe, Miss L Markillie, M Massey, C Mhoshiwa, A D Mitchell, T E Moyes, L J O'Connor, R Pattabirman, D Pike, A G Phillips, G Prakash, J Requilliart, Miss R R Royan, J Sanchez-Crespo, A Sheeran, I F Slyver, L Stansfield, T P Vijayasarathy, Miss L A Walker, N L Watson, S L Willis, Miss C A Wilson.

Fellows: Mrs C Boothroyd, A Burke, T J Cracknell, B A Crawley, K E Hills, I Hord, D A Jones, R C Lester, S Lewis, J T McGlynn, Miss H K Miller, R D Millington, M Needham, B Nutt, G Nyakudya, D Read, C Schofield, D W Stephens, Miss A Watchorn.

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These are the words of the Lord God: In calm detachment lies your safety, your strength in quiet trust.
Isaiah 30 : 15 (REB)

BIRTHS

ALLEN - On September 2nd 1996, to Pip (Browning) and James, another wonderful son, Harry James Browning, a brother for Jack.

AXFORD - On 31st August, to Jane and Julian, a son, Harry Robert.

BOOR - On September 1st at The Portland Hospital, to Patricia (Russo) Boor and Stephen, a beautiful son, Matthew Harrison, a brother for Sonia.

BUCKLEY - On 22nd August 1996, to Alison (née Loseby) and Rufus, the precious gift of a son, Joseph Clifford. Deo Gratias.

CAMPBELL - On 31st August, to Primrose and Alastair, a son, Edward Henry Brunel, a brother for Ferdy and Leonora.

COLLIER - On 30th August 1996, to Richard and Rachel, a son, William Alexander.

DEAS - On July 11th 1996, to Shiona and Alistair, a son, Lachlan Gentry, a brother for Gavin.

GUNTZER - On August 30th at The Portland Hospital, to Sophie and Thomas, a son, Leo Pierre Edward.

NORMAN - On 2nd September, to Judy (née Drewett) and Charles, a son, James John Robert, brother for Elizabeth and Katharine.

TEAL - On 26th July, to Sophie (née Allison) and Nick, twin daughters, Manuela and Chloé, at the Frauenspital, Berne, Switzerland.

WILLIS - On 4th September 1996 in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Sandra (née Baune) and David, a son, Tristan Edward.

DEATHS

ARCHER - On September 3rd, Richard K. ScD, FRCVS, at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, peacefully. Requiem Mass at St George's Church, Tombland, Norwich at 1 pm on Wednesday September 11th, followed by private cremation. Donations if desired for St George's Church, may be sent c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich, NR2 2PE. Memorial Service at 3 pm on Wednesday September 25th at Norwich Cathedral.

BARLOW - On September 3rd at his home Shelley, near Huddersfield, aged 84 years, Dr. Alexander J.E. Barlow, formerly Consultant at Huddersfield and Halifax Hospitals and friend of Carol. Service at Huddersfield Crematorium on Monday September 9th at 12 noon. No flowers.

BAXTER - Sylvia Kathryn, beloved wife, mother and grandmother, on September 2nd peacefully in hospital in the presence of Raymond, Graham and Jenny. Funeral Ewelme Church Tuesday 10th September 2 pm. Family flowers; donations Macmillan Nurses.

BEECH - At home Thomas Hugh on 31st August. Will be sadly missed by Maureen and all who knew him. Funeral Service will be held on Thursday September 12th at 12.30 pm at St Thomas' Church, Bedhampton followed by interment at Warblington Cemetery. Enquiries to Carrells Funeral Service, tel: (01705) 486183.

BIOLLO - Edith Mary (née Fulton). Edith Mary Biollo, formerly of Hastings, passed away in Edmonton, Alberta on Saturday, August 24th, 1996 at the age of 73 years after a courageous struggle with cancer. Funeral services were held at 2 pm on Tuesday, August 27th, 1996 in Memories Funeral Chapel, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Interment followed at the Holy Cross Cemetery. For further information or forwarding of sympathy cards or letters, please contact Memories Funeral Directors & Crematory Inc., 13403 St Albert Trail, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T5L 4X1. Phone: (403) 454-9111.

CHETHAM - Suddenly at home on Wednesday 28th August 1996 Barbara Marie aged 86. Much loved aunt and great-aunt. Funeral Putney Vale Crematorium 12 noon on Tuesday 10th September. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Multiple Sclerosis Society, 25 Effie Road, London SW6.

COOMBS - Betty. Aged 83 on 2nd September 1996 widow of Bobby Coombs.

COWDEROY - Richard Ian. Tragically on August 23rd, 1996 at La Motte, France, the result of a gliding accident. The dearly loved and loving husband of Liz, devoted father of Philip and Grace. Sorely missed by his mother, brother, all his family and friends. The funeral service will take place at St Michael and All Angels Church, Loxbeare, Tiverton, Devon on Friday, September 6th, 1996 at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please, but donations in his memory, to the South West Children's Hospice, c/o W.H. Squires and Son, Funeral Directors, 11, Wellbrook Street, Tiverton, Devon, EX16 5JW. A Memorial Service will be held at St Peter's Church, Farnborough. Arrangements later.

DAVIES - (née Lutton) Jean Iris passed away peacefully on 15th August 1996. A deeply loved mother. David, Wendy, Jackie, Nicholas, Simon and all your grandchildren and friends. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu of flowers to Battersea Dogs Home c/o F.W. Paine Ltd., 29 Coombe Road, Norbiton, Surrey.

ERDOZAIN - Jean Cunningham (née Robertson), widow of Eugene, dearly loved mother of the late Eugene and of Mimi, George and Alastair and much loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Requiem Mass 11.30 am Saturday September 7th at St Peter's, Stonyhurst.

GAZE - On Tuesday 3rd September 1996, peacefully, Philip Elliot, formerly of Radlett, Hertfordshire. Beloved husband of the late Joy and father of John. The funeral service will take place at the Mid-Warwickshire Crematorium, Oakley Wood, Leamington Spa on Monday 9th September 1996 at 1 pm. No flowers by request, donations if desired to R.N.L.I.

GUEST - Lady Moira, passed away suddenly but peacefully August 31st 1996 at home. Beloved wife of Freddie, mother of Iain and Richard. Funeral at St Eadburgha's Broadway, Worcs. on Friday September 6th, 2.15 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The RAF Benevolent Fund, 67 Portland Place, London W1N 4AR. In our hearts always.

HARVEY - Clare, widow of Leslie, suddenly, in her home in the Isles of Scilly, on 31st August aged 92. Private cremation. Donations to the Isles of Scilly Environmental Trust, Carn Thomas, Hugh Town, St Mary's, Isles of Scilly.

HEATH - Very suddenly on 2nd September at Baigts de Béarn, S.W. France, Ian Heath, 54, beloved husband of Jane, brother of Duncan and skipper of "Charmian". Private cremation Saturday 7th September at Tarbes. No flowers, donations to R.N.L.I. Letters to Maison St. Laurens, 64300 Baigts de Béarn.

IMMINK - Florentine suddenly but peacefully on 2nd September 1996. Beloved wife of the late Carl Gustav, much loved mother of Fleur and Gulliver and wonderful mother-in-law and grandmother. Funeral service to celebrate and give thanks for her life at Seal Church, nr. Sevenoaks, Kent at 2.30 pm Tuesday 10th September followed immediately by reception. Flowers and enquiries to Viner & Sons, West Malling, Kent, (01732) 842485.

LLOYD - Dorothy, passed away Monday 2nd September 1996 after a battle fought with the heart of a lion, your courage and beauty shone through. We all love you so very much Jill, Chris and Graham. Funeral on Monday 9th September Woodvale South Crematorium at 1.45pm. Flowers or donations for Coppercliffe Hospice, c/o Ashton F/D, 121 St James's Street, Brighton. Tel: (01273) 681431.

MANN - On 31st August suddenly at home in Little Saxham. Vera Marjorie "Vee" aged 80 years. Beloved wife of the late James "Bill", loving mother of Adrian and Julia. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends. For funeral details contact L. Fulcher (01284) 754049.

PARR - Anthony James, on August 30th in Brecon. Beloved husband of Pamela, dear father of Laetitia and Francis and a loving grandfather. Family funeral.

SHOOSMITH - Marjorie (née Cartwright Reid) formerly of Slindon Sussex, died peacefully August 31st in Toronto, Canada aged 102. Widow of the late Arthur Gordon Shoosmith OBE and much loved mother of Clare, Grandmother of Genevieve, Brigid and Jacqueline, Great-Grandmother of Luke, Meg and Malcolm. Funeral September 9th, St Clements Church, Toronto.

WEBSTER - On 31st August 1996, peacefully at Elliscombe House Nursing Home, Esther Muriel aged 80 years, formerly of Mere. A much loved sister of Joyce and John and a dearly loved aunt. Memorial Service at St Michael the Archangel Church, Mere on Monday 9th September at 2 pm. No flowers, donations if desired for The Alzheimer's Disease Society c/o Mr Harold F. Miles, Funeral Director, South Cadbury, BA22 7ES, tel: (01963) 440367.

WILSON - On September 1st, 1996, peacefully in a Nursing Home, Aline Mabel, formerly of Mayfield. Widow of Ronnie Wilson, Aunt of Anthony Spencer and Sister-in-law of Angela Spencer. Service at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Friday, September 13th at 12 noon. Flowers to C. Waterhouse & Sons, High Street, Burwash, E. Sx, tel: (01435) 882219.

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GRETE SALINGER

Grete Salinger, charity worker, died on August 28 aged 101. She was born on March 18, 1895.

A woman of enormous generosity and indomitable spirit, Grete Salinger was a major figure in Britain's Jewish community. She was born into the secure world of the assimilated German Jewish bourgeoisie, but it was a world which she was to see disintegrate under Nazi rule. However, unlike many less fortunate contemporaries, she and her husband were able to escape to England where, for the next half- century, Grete was to work tirelessly for, and contribute regularly to, a wide range of charities. It was a role she relished, and one which she never abandoned.

Grete Salinger was born Grete Ettlinger in Frankfurt. Her father, a distinguished surgeon, was the head of the Jewish community there. Liberal and sophisticated, they were unshakeably Jewish but as patriotic as any Germans.

Her first glimpse of England came in the summer of 1914 when she "did" the English season, staying with banker cousins and meeting the cream of Jewish society. By July she was engaged, but war was soon to break out and Grete rushed home, the engagement abandoned. Instead, back in Germany, she met Erich Salinger, owner of two iron foundries and a wealthy man. They married in 1917 and moved to Berlin.

The postwar Weimar Republic sustained their lifestyle; the Nazis, who came to power in 1933, destroyed it. Overnight Erich Salinger lost his professional qualifications and his position as a magistrate. In 1938 he was ordered to sell his factories. Refusal won him a month in prison. In his absence his wife negotiated a sale. The night she received the money, Nazi officials arrived to confiscate the cash. But her husband was freed.

The Salingers with her parents left Germany on August 14, 1938, having paid heavily for their passports, and towards the *Reichsfluchtsdole* — the tax on Jews fleeing Germany. A small mercy was the official sent to supervise their packing. According to the then prevailing practice (which was also regarded as a test by the departing Jews) the official was offered breakfast: if he accepted, one was in relatively liberal hands, if he did not, one was unlucky. The Salingers' man did accept and even later informed them when their *Judenbude* (the "Jew hut" or giant wooden case into which possessions were packed) had arrived with Grete's sister, living with her Dutch husband in Amsterdam.

Leaving their parents with Grete's sister, the Salingers moved on to England, where Erich had business connections. The family were not to be reunited. Grete's parents and sister were transported from Amsterdam to Auschwitz on Rosh Hashana — Jewish New Year — in 1942. Among those who helped to piece together their story in 1945 was Carl Frank, father of Anne, who had known them in Amsterdam.

In England Erich was briefly, but hurtfully, interned before taking work as a waiter. This ended when the Government asked him for information about conditions in Germany. He provided what information he could, including on certain top-secret processes of iron founding. He also gave his Iron Cross, won in 1916, to a collection of old medals. The appearance of a German award at that time was reported in the press.

At the same time Grete Salinger began working for the Women's Voluntary Service, collecting for national war savings. She was hugely successful — the block she canvassed was fortuitously full of exiled Greek shipowners — and she was invited to Buckingham Palace.

Although there were 5,000 guests, Grete inwardly resolved to speak to the Queen (now Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother) and she discreetly trailed her round the gardens. Eventually, the Queen did indeed pause to exchange a few words, asking Grete where she came from. "I should have said Paddington," Grete later recalled, but instead she declared that she came from Germany.

"And you are invited to this party?" the Queen inquired, taken aback. Grete replied that she had been invited because she had collected huge sums of money for the war effort. The Queen, realising that Grete was a refugee, was immediately mollified and listened as Grete told her about her family who had all been killed in Auschwitz. But as she heard this the Queen made a gesture as though she was shielding herself. "If only I hadn't asked you," she declared.

Grete was bold in her response. "On the contrary, Your Majesty," she replied, "this is my kaddish, the prayer we Jews have for the dead — that I could tell their fate to my Queen."

Forty years were to elapse before Grete Salinger met Queen Elizabeth — by then the Queen Mother — again. But in all those years the Queen Mother had not forgotten her encounter with this brave Jewish woman, and singled her out from among a large gathering to inquire as to her wellbeing.

Erich Salinger died in 1959. His widow, Grete, continued with her charity work. She was involved with the League of Jewish Women, Nightingale House (for the Jewish elderly), the Association of Jewish Refugees and the Jewish Friendship League.

But her particular passion was the Hebrew University in Israel, where she endowed a scholarship. She visited the university annually thereafter until ill-health impaired her mobility. But, though she was latterly confined to a wheelchair, her mind remained as acute as ever, age notwithstanding, until her final illness forced her into hospital.

Grete Salinger had no children.

LORD KILLEARN

Graham Curtis Lampson, 2nd Baron Killearn and 4th Baronet, died on July 27 aged 76. He was born on October 28, 1919.

LORD KILLEARN was the elder son of Sir Miles Lampson, 1st Baron Killearn, the pro-consul and diplomat who served extensively in the Far East and was later High Commissioner and then Ambassador to Egypt from 1933 to 1946.

The Lampsons were originally a Scottish family from the Lowlands who sought their fortune in the sugar trade in the United States, settling in Vermont. Lord Killearn's great-grandfather returned to Britain and became a naturalised British subject in 1848. He was a director of the Atlantic Telegraph Company and was created a baronet in 1866 for his great energy in the work of laying the Atlantic cable the previous year.

Graham Lampson was born in China. He spent much of his early life there and suffered the shock of the early loss of his mother, Rachel Phipps, in 1930 from meningitis on the boat to Hong Kong (she was at the time taking her son home to school in England). He was educated at Eton and spent a year at Magdalen College, Oxford, before the war, obtaining a wartime degree in 1946.

When war broke out, he joined the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards, and served in the Middle East, first as a platoon commander and then as signals officer. He happened to be on leave and staying at the Embassy in Cairo when Winston Churchill visited his father. The Prime Minister asked him: "How's the six-pounder gun?" and Graham told him: "Very good, sir, but not when you are given it in the middle of a battle."

Later he served in Italy as ADC to the American General Mark Clark, at the US Fifth Army Headquarters, and then as liaison officer at Eighth Army Headquarters under General Richard McCreery. He ended the war with the rank of major and was awarded the US Bronze Star.

He attended the Nuremberg Trials and used his diplomatic skills in obtaining a car from the Americans for General Sir Oliver Leese when their plane was grounded at Frankfurt. Later he worked in the defence section of the Cabinet Office for a year. His ambition was to join the Foreign Service, like his father, but this was frustrated by a combination of the war and the postwar reservations of a Labour Government about people of his sort of background.

Instead, he joined Courtaulds and was active on the overseas side of its business. From 1960 for 20 years he was public relations officer for Morgan Crucible under the chairmanship of his Scots Guard contemporary, Ian Weston Smith. PR was a new venture for the company and a number of films were made during Killearn's years there. He excelled at his job, attending a great number of trade fairs in the Communist bloc and employing his linguistic skills to talk to customers in a variety of languages. When he returned to China on behalf of the company in 1966, he even resurrected some words of Mandarin, recalled from his childhood.

Graham Lampson succeeded his father as the 2nd Baron in 1964. In the House of Lords he followed his father's example by addressing the plight of British citizens who had had their money confiscated or been thrown out of Egypt, and stirring the Foreign Office to arrange compensation. Recently he had been instrumental in assisting in the editing of his father's Peking diaries, which will be published shortly in five volumes.

He was blessed with an extraordinary memory and sucked up information much in the manner of a vacuum cleaner. He was a master of syntax and an enthusiastic conversationalist. Although never athletic, he enjoyed a formidable constitution and in recent years was bravely undeterred by his relative lack of mobility. He succeeded his cousin as the 4th Baronet in 1971.

He married in 1946 Nadine, only daughter of Vice-Admiral Horace Pilcher. She was the granddaughter of Aristide Moraitinis, one-time Prime Minister and Regent of Greece. They had two daughters, who survive him. The new Lord Killearn is his half-brother, Victor, the son of his father's second marriage to Jacqueline Castellani. He was born in 1941.

DAVID TUDOR

David Tudor, American pianist and composer, *died on August 13 aged 70. He was born on* January 20, 1926.

IT IS rare for the first performance of a challenging piece of modern music to be note-perfect, but David Tudor undoubtedly achieved the distinction of giving a faultless reading of one of the century's seminal works. And even if the rather special nature of the work in question — John Cage's notoriously uneventful *4′ 33″* (four minutes and 33 seconds of silence) — ultimately disqualifies him on a technicality, Tudor's total empathy with Cage's art would still have imprinted his rendition with unrivalled authority.

A remarkable thinking musician, Tudor was a key figure in postwar American experimental music. He first met Cage through the composer Morton Feldman in 1950, and during the following decade the two men developed a remarkable creative partnership, extending far beyond that normally expected from a composer and performer. While Cage's own limitations as a performer had hitherto inhibited his piano music, Tudor's virtuosity and inquiring mind were the catalyst for what were arguably Cage's richest compositional achievements, culminating in the *Concert for Piano and Orchestra* of 1958.

As so often with leaders of the avant-garde, David Tudor's upbringing was fairly conventional. Born in Philadelphia, he began his professional career as an organist, at St Mark's, Philadelphia, from 1938 to 1943 and then at Swarthmore College from 1944 to 1948. But a natural curiosity, a prodigious technique and a powerful intellect drew him to contemporary music. His breakthrough came in 1950 when he gave the US premiere of Pierre Boulez's Second Piano Sonata, having learnt French in order to experience at first hand the writers — René Char, Mallarmé and Artaud — who had been Boulez's own inspiration.

Tudor soon gained a reputation for the facility with which he could master the most intricate contemporary scores as well as the most spartan: his special forte was in realising the graphic notation of the New York School composers — Morton Feldman, Earle Brown, Christian Wolff and the Austrian Roman Haubenstock-Ramati, who once remarked that Tudor could "play the raisins in a slice of fruitcake".

The golden years of Tudor's career were undoubtedly the 1950s and 1960s, the time of his association with Cage and, later, with Karlheinz Stockhausen, whose classic of the electro-acoustic repertory, *Kontakte*, he premiered. He met the German composer on a European tour that he and Cage undertook in 1954; he was soon the guiding pair of hands behind Stockhausen's Piano Pieces V-VIII, works which, thanks to Tudor's influence, signal a move away from Stockhausen's mathematically conceived inventions to something much more performer-centred.

Tudor later urged Stockhausen to persevere with Piano Piece XI, which he had been tempted to abandon on discovering (via Tudor) that its novelty feature — its aleatoric basis — was, in fact, already common practice among Tudor's New York colleagues.

During the 1960s and 1970s Tudor gradually exchanged the role of pianist for that of composer, lecturer and adviser, though he still remained active as a performing artist, most notably as one of 11 pianists in the world premiere of Erik Satie's 18-hour *Vexations* in 1963, and as a participant in the first Musicircus, a multimedia free-for-all held at the University of Illinois in 1967 (he had already been involved in the first ever "happening", at Black Mountain College, back in 1952).

He taught at Darmstadt (where he claimed, probably with some justification, that he could differentiate between 19 dynamic markings), the State University of New York at Buffalo, and many other institutions, and he was one of the overseers of the Experiments in Art and Technology project for Expo 70 in Osaka.

On Cage's death in 1992, Tudor succeeded him as resident composer of the Merce Cunningham Dance Company, with which he had been associated since its inception in 1950. His dance scores, involving live electronics, met a mixed response: for some, their squeaky-door, Sixties-ish quality felt at odds with the new directions Cunningham seemed to be taking in his own work. But, given Tudor's unshakeable commitment to a philosophy which celebrated the numinous potential of any and every sound, he could hardly have composed otherwise. It is for this integrity and loyalty to his formative ideals, as well as his magnificent piano playing — much of it captured on LP, though not, alas, on CD — that he will be remembered.

Although he had had a long relationship with the poet and potter Mary Caroline Richards, he never married.

TIM EDWARDS

Tim Edwards, stockbroker, died from cancer on August 30 aged 68. He was born on July 25, 1928.

TIM EDWARDS started out in life as one of that small band of boys who, under the remarkable leadership of J. T. Christie, kept Westminster School alive during its wartime exile in Herefordshire. Later, as Head of his House and the first Head of Water after the return to Little Dean's Yard, he played a significant role in the reconstruction of Westminster as a first-ranking school in the postwar period.

After two years' service in the Welsh Guards he went up to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he was a popular and energetic Captain of the First and Third Trinity Boat Club, a role in which his eldest son, Mark, was to follow him in due course.

He took a good degree in history, and then went to work for his mother's family in John Brooke and Sons, cloth manufacturers near Huddersfield. (This business has a good claim to be the oldest family firm in Britain, having gone from father to son in an unbroken line since the reign of Queen Elizabeth I.) After the Guards and Cambridge, taking cloth samples around the rag trade in the East End of London was a salutary experience, but Edwards did the work with characteristic enthusiasm and good humour.

In 1955 he left the cloth business to join the stockbroking firm of Grieveson Grant in the City. He became a partner in 1961 and was a managing partner throughout the later 1970s and 1980s, playing an important role in its development into one of the leading Stock Exchange firms in London. He will be best remembered in the City for the part he played as a member of the Council of the Stock Exchange from 1980, when he was first elected, until 1988 when he retired. He served on both the Quotations Committee and the Options Committee throughout.

He was a major contributor to the Equity Practitioners' Panel in devising the structure for the new market at the time of the Big Bang, and was chairman of the Markets Committee for the following two years, which included the 1987 crash and massive changes in the way the market operated.

During the same period he served as a board member of the Securities Association — now the SFA — which introduced the arrangements for self-regulation in the markets after the passing of the Financial Services Act. After Grieveson Grant was bought by Kleinwort Benson he became chairman of Kleinwort Benson Unit Trust and served on the boards of several Kleinwort companies.

Edwards's drive, enthusiasm, integrity and common sense are remembered with great affection by his colleagues in all the varied aspects of his distinguished City career. He made a significant contribution to the development of the London stock market as we know it today.

Cecil Ralph Timothy Edwards, with his two brothers, inherited from his father Ralph Edwards, the author of *The Dictionary of English Furniture* and Keeper of the Department of Woodwork at the Victoria and Albert Museum, a keen interest in, and knowledge of, the arts, together with an eclectic taste.

It was particularly appropriate, therefore, that in 1992 he should have become president of the National Museums and Galleries of Wales, on the council and art committee of which his father had served for many years. Tim Edwards also served on both these committees and he was vice-president from 1987 to 1992. By happy chance he was already president when, in 1993, the Queen opened the splendid new galleries which now house the museum's magnificent collection of pictures in Cardiff.

The money for this work and the other extensive improvements for the display of art had been committed by the Welsh Office during the time when his brother Nicholas, now Lord Crickhowell, was Secretary of State.

The presidency of the museum, with its varied interests — and subject, as it is, to strong cultural and linguistic influences — is no sinecure at any time, but during a period when its plans for the enlargement of its activities and the strengthening of its collections had to be reconciled with financial constraints and the austere views of John Redwood as Secretary of State, they were even greater than usual. Tim Edwards's skilled diplomacy and personal interest in all aspects of this multidisciplinary institution were of particular value.

Those same qualities made him the bedrock of a large family — his mother was one of seven children — and his aunts, cousins and his brothers' families all looked to him for good sense and leadership. His wife Brenda provided a calming influence that is not a characteristic of the Edwards men, and together they provided a notably happy home for their five children, all of whom survive him.

ON THIS DAY

September 5, 1939

The sinking of the liner Athenia *on the second day of war awoke the nation to reality, as the sounding of the air raid warning had done on the first day*

THE TORPEDOED ATHENIA

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ish destroyers were sent to the assistance of survivors. Some 430 survivors are in the Norwegian steamer, *Knute Nelson*, proceeding to Galway. The Government of Eire are making arrangements for their reception. It has been stated on the German wireless that the *Athenia* probably struck a mine. The Admiralty announce that no British mines have been laid in that area." The American Ambassador in London, Mr Kennedy, sent this message to the State Depart-

rescued except those killed by explosion. Admiralty advises me survivors picked up by other ships. List of casualties later. Thank God." Captain James Reid, marine superintendent of the line, stated in Glasgow that a large percentage of the passengers were returning to America on account of the crisis. The liner had lifeboats to carry 1,830 passengers. She left Glasgow at noon last Friday and left Liverpool at 4 p.m. on Saturday bound for Montreal. She had 1,000 tons of cargo. News of the torpedoing struck Washington with full force this morning, and the degree of its importance was indicated by the fact that the White House took part in the dissemination of information. One of the President's secretaries, Mr Stephen Early, said to the Press: "According to official information, the ship had come to Glasgow from Liverpool and was bound for Canada bringing refugees. I point this out to show that there was no possibility, according to official in-

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Dated this 30th day of August 1996

M. FISHMAN
Liquidator

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TAKE NOTICE THAT I, David John Mason of Morton Thornton & Co, Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Herts AL1 1HD was appointed Liquidator of The Pantherr Corporation Limited by a resolution of a meeting of the company's creditors held on 30th August 1996. DATED this 30th day of August

PUBLIC NOTICES

BASTABLE, CHARLES LEONARD BASTABLE late of Havant, Hampshire, died there on 12 October 1995
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BECKERS, PETER BECKERS late of Skegness, Lincolnshire died at Fishtoft, Lincolnshire on 6 June 1996
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HYDE, CHARLES REGINALD HYDE late of Deptford, London SE8 died at Lewisham, London SE13 on 27 December 1994
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Concorde wins airport noise battle

By Harvey Elliott

MANCHESTER airport has stopped fining Concorde for being too noisy. It was the first British airport to take action against the supersonic jet and during the past three months fined British Airways more than £11,000 because the aircraft broke the airport's tough noise restrictions on take-off. Each time Concorde exceeded the limits, it triggered an automatic penalty of £500 plus £150 for each decibel above the limit.

British Airways said it was considering scrapping all Concorde flights from Manchester. Now the airport has been forced to back down while new proposals, possibly to raise the limit for Concorde, are discussed and a compromise reached so the jet can still land at Manchester. One executive admitted: "We made a mistake. We were asking Concorde to do the impossible."

The penalties were imposed after a diligent researcher discovered that a dispensation clause exempting Concorde from Britain's general noise regulations applied only to Heathrow and Gatwick.

The supersonic jet flies about once a month from Manchester, usually taking passengers on short trips over the Irish Sea. Occasionally, it heads for New York or Toronto.

A Concorde captain said yesterday: "I am afraid that Concorde is noisy. When it is fully laden with fuel, we have to use afterburners to accelerate quickly to around 240 miles an hour before getting fully airborne.

"If we took off with a lighter load, which is the only alternative way to reduce the noise level, we could not get to Toronto or New York non-stop."

But Geoff Gazzard of the Manchester Airport Environmental Network was delighted by the initial get-tough action taken by the airport. "I know that Concorde is still very popular and that people want to see it," he said. "But as we reach the end of the century, it is surely an example of over-conspicuous consumption. If people want to see it, they should go to a museum or buy a model kit."

Airport delays to check smugglers

By Nick Nuttall

HOLIDAYMAKERS and business travellers face tighter checks at airports throughout Europe as an international drive to stamp out the trade in goods made from rare animals intensifies.

Buoyed by this week's discovery of 105 rhinoceros horns in a garage in Kensington, west London, police and customs officials are making a concerted effort to halt the trade in exotic animals and their illicit by-products and are to step up a campaign against professional smugglers and tourists passing through airports. Amsterdam's Schiphol airport, for example, has become known as a prime "clearing house" for the trade in exotic creatures, worth about £6 million a year.

STILL PICTURES

A chameleon, one of the targets of smugglers

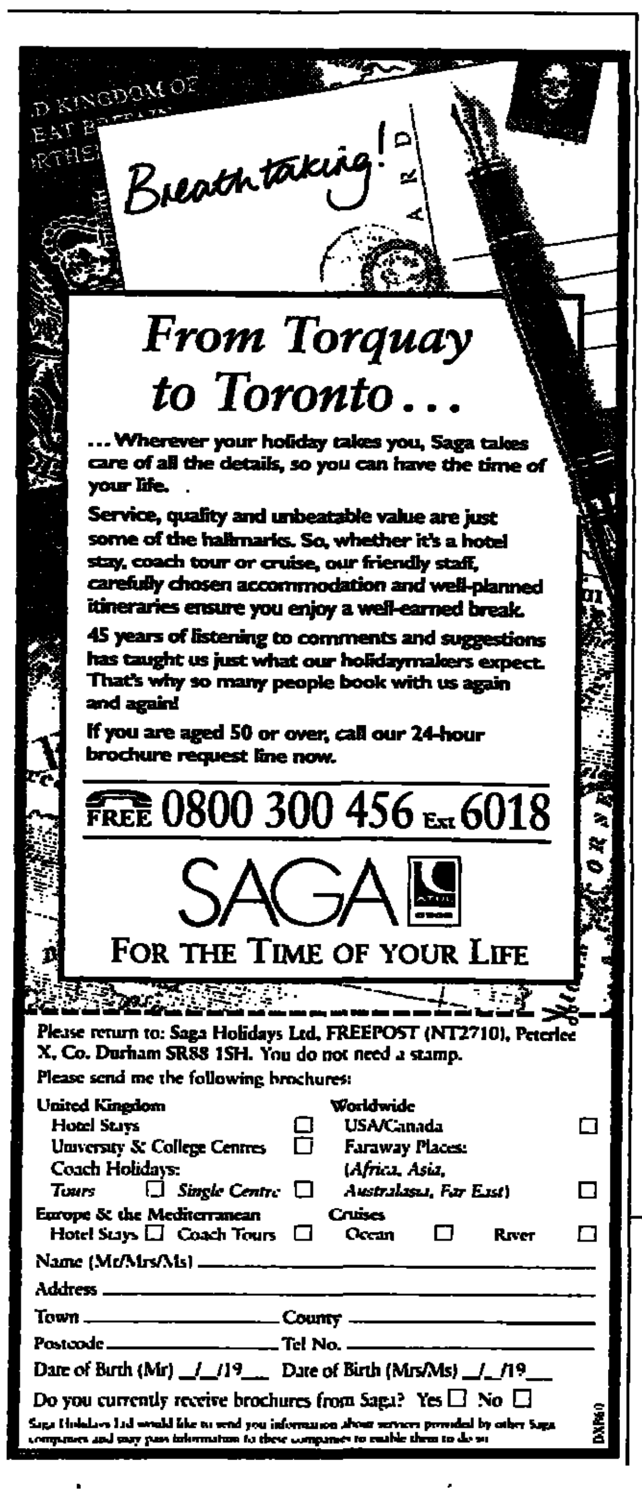
Holland's Justice Ministry, acting on information supplied by Traffic Europe, the World Wide Fund for Nature's investigative section, calculates that about 90,000 rare and exotic animals are smuggled into The Netherlands every year.

Holidaymakers caught with endangered products face big fines and up to six years' jail.

Worldwide, the illegal trade, banned under the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species, now ranks second only to drugs and armaments.

Iguana, a reptile sanctuary in the port of Vlissingen, says that The Netherlands is a target because of its traditional links with trade. Holland's international travel links and transport infrastructure make it a good base from which to ship goods around Europe. Recent seizures at Schiphol include 100 chameleons sewn into a man's waistcoat.

Ad Bom, the director of Iguana, says: "We are overwhelmed by the number of reptiles coming in. Many of the animals that turn up here, such as rare tortoises, lizards and birds, endure such suffering in transit that they die soon after arrival."



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Eurostar's lure of luxury

By David Churchill

RICHARD BRANSON has revealed plans to woo full-fare-paying business travellers to a new luxury service introduced on Eurostar trains next month. The Premium First service is backed by an advertising campaign featuring some of the more obscure musings of Manchester United's French star, Eric Cantona.

The £352 Premium First return fare to Paris (£338 to Brussels) will include, for the first time, a taxi ride to and from the railway stations at both ends — or, in London, the option of riding on the back of a chauffeured LimoBike. Business travellers paying the top fare but joining at the Ashford International terminal will get free car parking instead.

The Premium First fare is similar to the fully flexible London-to-Paris business-class fare charged by British Airways and Air France. Eurostar travellers can also exchange their train ticket for a British Midland EuroClass air ticket if desired.

From next month, Premium First and the less expensive but more restrictive Business First tickets (£265 return to Paris, £250 to Brussels) will include a ten-minute check-in time instead of the usual 20 minutes for standard-class passengers. A "fast track" system is also being introduced similar to that operated at Heathrow and Gatwick. In addition, all first-class passengers — both Premium and Business — will continue to receive a free standard-class ticket for future use. Meals, entertainment and other services, including better business lounges, are also to be upgraded for first-class travellers on Eurostar.

Mr Branson, whose Virgin Group is a 17 per cent shareholder in London & Continental Railways which owns and markets the Eurostar services, says the aim of the changes is to "give business travellers who pay full fares the service they expect at airports, as well as added extras on the trains".

About 20 per cent of the six million passengers who have travelled on the two Eurostar routes since services began in November 1994 are business travellers. New figures announced by Mr Branson show that the service's popularity is growing: by mid-August this year as many passengers had been carried as in 1995.

Eurostar also plans to start, probably in November, an upgraded standard class for business travellers who pay full fare rather than buy a discounted ticket. This will include their own dedicated carriage, and complimentary drinks. Extra trains are being introduced over the next few weeks, and more will be added when the winter timetable is introduced on September 29. This will put an extra 235,620 seats on the market each week and represents an 11 per cent increase on the current service.

Eurostar claims to have edged ahead of the airlines in the total market on the London-Paris route, but is running neck and neck on the Brussels route.

The success of the recently introduced Eurostar service direct to the Disneyland Paris theme park has meant that the train will continue to run on the route at weekends and during the holiday periods until it resumes its daily service next spring.

St Lucia values its visitors

By Tony Dawe

AN AMBITIOUS scheme to teach local schoolchildren the value of tourism has been launched in St Lucia to avoid the "them and us" attitude which has led to resentment and crime on some Caribbean islands.

All primary school pupils are being given a booklet which explains why tourists visit the island and how important they are to the local economy. Hotels are also joining an "adopt-a-school" project that will give students the chance to see how the industry works at close range.

Details of the scheme were disclosed in London yesterday by Romanus Lansiquot, St Lucia's Tourism Minister, during a week-long visit to promote the island, which attracted 50,000 British visitors last year and thousands more who stopped off during Caribbean cruises.

"The message to our children is that tourism is everybody's business," he said. "It is an important cog in the wheel of economic development and people must understand its significance and work together to develop the industry and bring benefits to everyone.

"We are teaching children that tourists are not fabulously wealthy people but those who have worked hard to earn the money to visit a different country for rest and relaxation and to enjoy its beauty and culture."

The booklet, *Hello Tourists*, explains that the money visitors bring into the country can help to improve roads and the health services, and emphasises the dangers of pollution and prostitution if tourism is managed poorly.

The minister added: "It gives children their first hard look at what tourism is about, something that was not available to people of my generation, which might explain some of the resentment towards visitors in the past."

Children in St Lucia are being taught the economics of tourism in an effort to foster good relations with visitors

At the same time, schoolchildren in Britain are being taught about St Lucia as part of a programme devised by Worldaware, an educational organisation, which has distributed more than seven million information packs to schools in the UK.

Young tourists from Britain will have a chance to pool their knowledge with local children by joining a safari summer programme of arts, crafts, sports and cultural activities run by the St Lucia National Trust for both groups.

Mr Lansiquot said: "Tourists coming to the Caribbean are already interacting with local people more than in the past and we hope that this joint programme will further the process."

Like many small Caribbean islands, St Lucia is desperate to maintain the steady growth in tourism — now running at 9 per cent — because of the threat on world markets to its export trade, including bananas and sugar cane.

The island is also trying to attract holidaymakers interested in more than sun, sand and sea and is developing nature-heritage tourism, which offers camping and forest walks. Plans have been drawn up for an interpretation centre at St Lucia's famous sulphur springs near Soufriere, which lie below the island's best-known landmark, the heavily wooded cliffs called the Pitons.

More and more international events are being staged, including next month's Billfish tournament in which sea anglers compete to land blue marlin, an annual jazz festival in May and the finish in early December of the Atlantic Rally for cruisers sailing from Grand Canary.

Jack Crossley on a decline in angling; **Harvey Elliott**, below, on a revival of cottage holidays

Anglers fresh out of fish

ONE OF the West Country's biggest tourist attractions is in serious decline. Sea angling, loved by people from the casual tourist seeking to catch his first mackerel to the more serious angler after mako sharks, has taken a battering, with many charter skippers going out of business.

In some areas, landladies who specialised in catering for anglers have put up the shutters. The depletion of fish stocks has taken its toll and hundreds of cowboys, often fishing illegally, have joined commercial fishermen in the plunder.

Mike Millman, a West Country angling consultant, said: "It isn't just that the fishing was poor last week or the week before. It's been getting worse for years. There is now a marked reduction in the number of charter boats, particularly out of southwestern ports. In the 1980s we had 27 charter boats in Plymouth: now there are five."

The cost of a day's fishing in 1996 is also discouraging anglers and preventing youngsters from trying it. Though it is still possible to get a day out inshore for less than £20, many anglers want to go out 30 miles or more to get among the big fish such as congers. Enthusiasts come from all over England and are having to spend £100 or more for a day's sport. "The wives have a say in this," said one disgruntled angler, who had opted to fish — without charge — for the humble wrasse off the rocks at Polperro. He added: "When I used to go home with enough fish to fill the freezer, the missus didn't mind my spending time and money on a long fishing trip. Now we often go back home with very little and the family would rather see the money spent on other things."

Another local expert said: "Fish stocks are having the hell knocked out of them." He blamed amateurs armed with nets who don't worry about size limits. "They take anything that gets into the net, including undersized sea bass from the nursery areas. There are now hundreds of non-professional nets out there."

Mr Millman feels that "there has got to be some legislation that will prevent these amateurs from setting nets. There was a case recently where some of them caught so many bass in a nursery area that they couldn't carry them all and left over 400 fish along the foreshore — dead."

There is optimism that once the industry collapses, the fish will come back. Chris Venmore, who angles commercially from Torcross and is chairman of Devon Sea Fisheries, said that bass nurseries there had regenerated back to the 1980s levels of fish.

Greetings from sunny UK

WARMER summers in Britain have led to a surge in demand for country cottage holidays — and the great British pub is at the centre of the revival.

As bookings for the Mediterranean sunspots fell this year so demand for UK holidays soared. And those who stayed at home generally found dry, sunny weather. According to the London Weather Centre, summer 1996 had only 77 per cent of the average rainfall but 121 per cent of the average sunshine and temperatures 10 per cent above the norm.

Seven out of the last eight summers have been better than average, which may explain why thirsty holidaymakers are flocking to local pubs. Geoff Cowley, managing director of the leading cottage group Country Holidays, said half the callers to its Holiday Homefinding service inquired about the nearest pub. The company has now included pub details in its new brochure and is giving away a 1997 *Good Pub Guide* to everyone who books a 1997 holiday in one of its 4,000 cottages before October 31.

"Our bookings have risen by 16 per cent this summer, with a huge demand for properties in coastal resorts" said Mr Cowley.

So many foreign tourists are visiting pubs that a group of brewers have produced leaflets in French, German, Dutch and English to explain the laws of pub etiquette, such as buying a round and not waiting at a table to be served. Adam Luck, director of the St Austell Brewery which has 140 pubs in Devon and Cornwall, said that those near self-catering properties had record sales this summer. "It seems to be linked directly to areas where there are good quality cottages," he said. "Those who stay in country cottages and cater for themselves seem to want to go out to eat and drink while those who stay in campsites or caravans do not."

Peter Varlow, commercial director of the South East England Tourist Board said: "There's evidence of a sea change in holidaymakers' attitudes. Many people are now questioning whether they need to spend a holiday abroad to enjoy sunshine."

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Giant jets may frighten customers

THE very idea of flying on a plane with almost 1,000 other passengers is surely enough to send a shiver down anyone's spine. But at the Farnborough Air Show this week, aviation experts agreed that that is how we will be travelling in the next century.

Airbus Industrie, the European consortium which includes British Aerospace, is the most optimistic of the manufacturers about the potential of the "super jumbo". It believes that over the next 15 years the world's airlines will need to buy 1,380 airliners with more than 500 seats. This will bring a whopping $300 billion into the industry, it says, guaranteeing profits and jobs.

Boeing, its American rival, is rather more cautious, but still sees a market for more than 480 of the giants. Boeing's ideas for meeting this demand, however, is to build an extended version of the 747 jumbo jet with up to 600 seats.

The planemakers claim that environmental constraints on building new airports mean that much bigger jets are the only possible means of meeting future demand for air travel. But however compelling the planemakers' arguments, the real question must surely be whether there is a size limit beyond which ordinary passengers will simply refuse to board a cavernous airliner.

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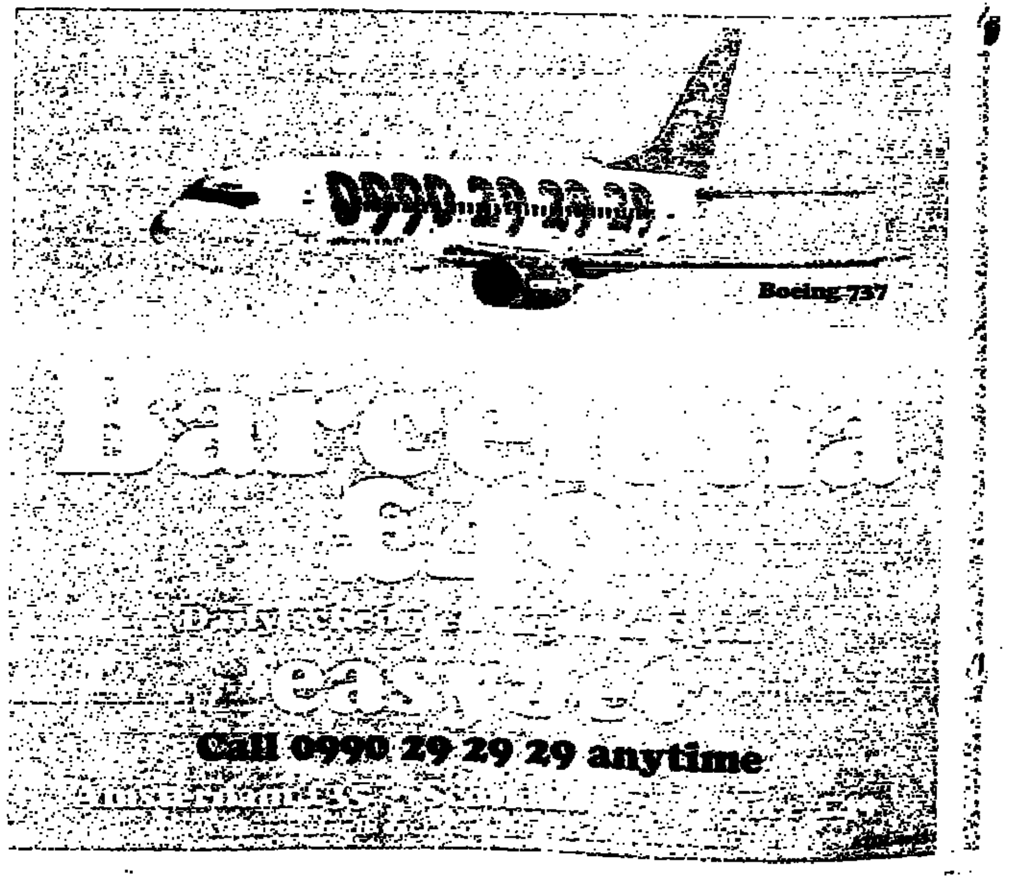
The charter-airline industry seems unconcerned, arguing that the cost of operating a flight should be shared among as many people as possible and that aircraft can be so designed that they will be even more appealing than today's fleet.

As Britannia, Britain's biggest independent charter carrier, discovered, if you swap a 130-seat Boeing 737 for a 235-seat Boeing 757, you begin to make money. For Britannia, the problem is the ability of the airports to handle the number of passengers trying to disembark at any one time.

Airbus designers have tried to overcome airport space limitations by deliberately keeping the wingspan of their new jet — codenamed the A3XX — to less than 80 metres, which can be accommodated by many of the world's airports today. But, though the big scheduled airports and their sophisticated handling techniques might be able to cope with the passenger numbers, it is certain that the small resorts and islands would not. This would effectively prevent charter airlines from buying the new jets, however appealing their economics might be.

Sales representatives were hard at work at Farnborough this week emphasising that the $220 million A3XX will have at least 15 per cent better direct operating costs than the largest airliner now flying and that this should enable operators to keep the cost of air travel falling in real terms.

British Airways is a potential customer for one of the rival mega-jets to replace its older Boeing 747s. But before BA, or anyone else, signs a cheque, they would be well advised to ask their clients what they think about travelling in such a monster.



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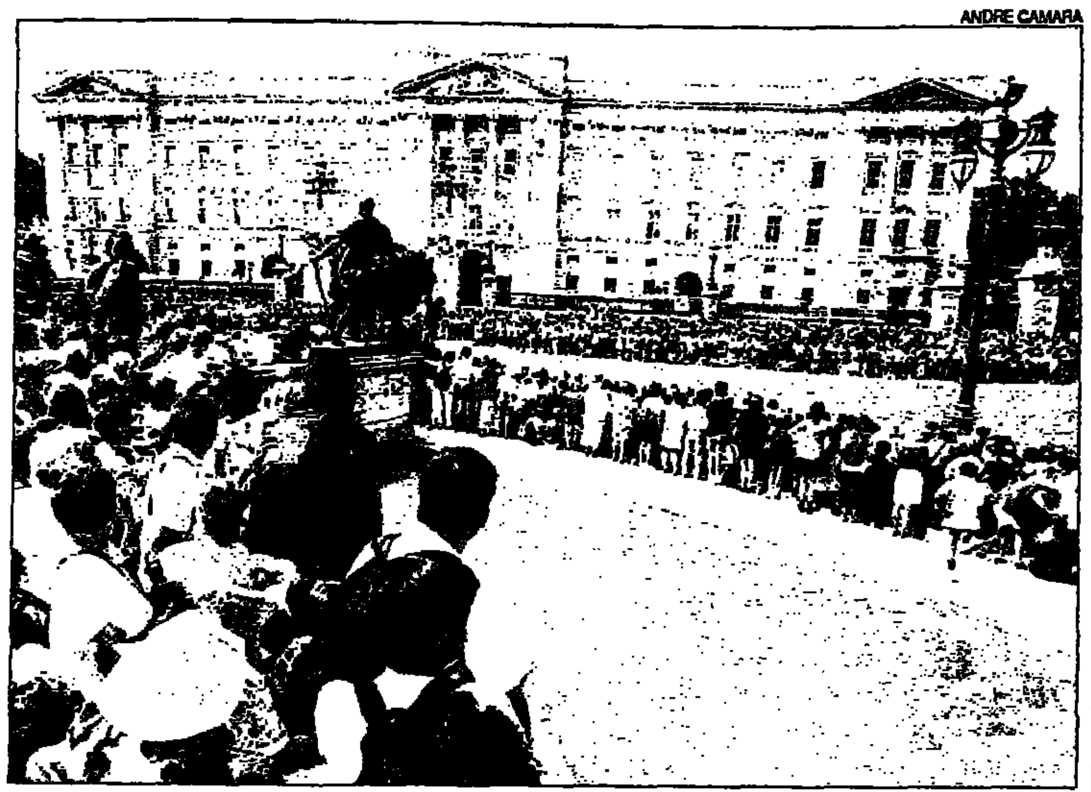

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☐ THE Hotel Meurice in Paris has a two-night offer from October 15 until January 20, 1997, which includes champagne and flowers, afternoon tea, a one-day museum pass and entry to the Picasso exhibition. Cost is about £310 a person based on double occupancy. Details: 0800 181 123.

☐ THE luxury Hotel Splendido at Portofino on the Italian Riviera has a three-night package from September 15 until November 3 at about £656 a person based on double occupancy. Details: 0181 568 8366.

☐ JERSEY'S Hotel L'Horizon has a three-night break until October 25, including a hire car and sea excursion to other Channel Islands. Price is £100 a person a night, based on double occupancy, with breakfast and dinner included. A sea view costs £15 extra a night. Details: 01534 43101.

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NEWS

Iraqi MiGs challenge US raiders

■ Iraqi forces repeatedly challenged the West after America mounted a second cruise missile attack to destroy more targets in southern Iraq.

Two MiG jets approached the extended "no-fly zone" before being turned back by an allied patrol. Iraqi forces were again reported to be shelling a Kurdish stronghold in the north, even though Baghdad had insisted they had been withdrawn. Last night bursts of anti-aircraft fire rocked the Iraqi capital, although there was no apparent target .... **Pages 1, 12, 16**

Tories erupt over Labour's 10p tax

■ A proposal by Labour to introduce a 10p income-tax band came under ferocious attack from both John Major and Kenneth Clarke. They said it would cost the Treasury £8 billion a year .... **Pages 1, 17**

Islamists warned

The Home Office, bowing to pressure, warned organisers of an Islamic rally that anyone who advocated violence would be prosecuted .... **Page 1**

The Norma factor

The Prime Minister admitted that Norma rather than tax cuts or Lord Saatchi would be his secret weapon in the run-up to the next general election .... **Page 1**

New crimebusters

The recruitment of better-paid informants willing to "grass" on offenders has become a key part of the police drive against crime .... **Page 2**

Pet sense

Scientists have proved what pet owners have long suspected: dogs can read your mind. Video tests have shown that up to 46 per cent of dogs know when their masters are coming home .... **Page 3**

Catholic dilemma

Celibacy will eventually be abandoned for Roman Catholic clergy because of the dozens of former Anglican clergy being ordained to the Roman Catholic priesthood, it was predicted .... **Page 4**

Roman pincer

New evidence suggests that the Roman invasion of Britain in AD 43 took place on two fronts with the legions trapping their prey in a classic pincer movement .... **Page 6**

Mad-cow hysteria

The outbreak of mad-cow disease caught ministers completely off-guard, Sir Ronald Oxburgh, a former chief scientist at the Ministry of Defence, said .... **Page 7**

Re-telling tales

BBC1 is to revive the art of children's storytelling by re-running the vintage *Jackanory* programmes because even in an age of computer games, children value storytelling .... **Page 8**

Loyalists worried

Protestants fear the Irish National Liberation Army will target them in an attempt to reunite its ranks after an internal feud ended in the murder of one of its former leaders .... **Page 9**

Sheep ship burns

Nearly 70,000 sheep have been left to die aboard a blazing cargo ship, en route from Australia to the Middle East, after the crew abandoned the vessel .... **Page 10**

Sex-case pledge

The Belgian monarch has promised the parents of four murdered girls he would ensure that nothing would stop investigators uncovering the paedophile network around Marc Dutroux .... **Page 11**

Secret account

Israel, in the past two years, has transferred about £40 million to a secret bank account for the use of Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian Authority leader .... **Page 13**

Church goes zany for Christmas

■ Church leaders are setting out to shock this Christmas with a provocative poster campaign aimed at young non-churchgoers which will alienate traditionalists. Passers-by, attracted by the poster's arresting streetwise argot and zany line drawing of three cartoon kings, are invited in small print to "find out the happy ending at a church near you" .... **Page 1**

CHRIS HARRIS

Naomi Campbell, the supermodel, meets her double at the Fashion Café yesterday. The waxwork is to go on display at Madame Tussaud's

BUSINESS

Supermarket wars: Tesco announced big price cuts, sparking fears of a costly price war. Shares in the main food retailers fell .... **Page 23**

Cash and carry: Booker, the food wholesaling company, launched an agreed £266 million takeover bid for its struggling rival, Nurdin and Peacock .... **Page 23**

Lloyd's: The ceremonial Lutine Bell rang out at the Lloyd's of London insurance market, formally marking success of the £3.2 billion rescue plan .... **Page 23**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 16.8 points to close at 3872.7. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell to 85.6 after a fall from $1.5680 to $1.5658 and from DM2.3274 to DM2.3202 .... **Page 26**

SPORT

Football: Ray Wilkins, the Queens Park Rangers manager, parted company with the club. Chris Wright, the chairman, said it was best to let somebody else take charge .... **Page 44**

Rugby union: England's leading players stayed away from training to attend a meeting with their clubs, which plan to split from the governing body .... **Page 38**

Cricket: A century by Wasim Khan enabled Warwickshire to take a first-innings lead over Essex but they fought back to sustain their challenge .... **Page 40**

Tennis: Steffi Graf, the defending champion, recovered from a shaky start to beat Judith Wiesner 7-5, 6-3 and reach the semi-finals of the US Open .... **Page 38**

ARTS

New films: Despite its cast of feisty women, including Sharon Stone, the Hollywood remake, *Diabolique*, is diabolical, while Wong Kar-Wai's *Fallen Angels* is cutting-edge cinema filmed amid the frenzy of Hong Kong .... **Page 31**

New on video: Disney's classic cartoon, *101 Dalmatians*, is released on video more than 30 years after it was made .... **Page 32**

New art: The Goodwood sculpture park in West Sussex unveils a new work by Sir Anthony Caro, specially made for the Goodwood setting .... **Page 33**

New drama: At the National Theatre, Stephen Poliakoff's play about scientific fraud, *Blinded by the Sun*, is only a mixed success, says Benedict Nightingale .... **Page 33**

TOMORROW

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■ POP
David Sinclair reviews *Bilingual*, the long-awaited album by the Pet Shop Boys

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FEATURES

Bodily attraction: The sculpture of a dead man in the Père Lachaise cemetery in Paris has become a symbol of fertility .... **Page 15**

BODY AND MIND

Dr Thomas Stuttaford looks at pigs as the perfect donors .... **Page 14**

TRAVEL

Teaching tourism: School children in St Lucia are learning why they should love tourists who come to their Caribbean island .... **Page 20**

Bargains of the week: From a fly-drive to see New England in the fall to enjoying champagne and flowers at the Hotel Meurice in Paris .... **Page 21**

BOOKS

Art and life: Howard Davies looks at Matisse's war; Erica Wagner on Beryl Bainbridge's latest novel; William Righter on a great literature and Thomas Stuttaford on improving medicine .... **Pages 34,35**

THE PAPERS

The real tragedy lies in the fact that United Nations resolution 986, which allows Saddam to export oil for food, will once again be frozen due to the United States' decision. There will be only one consequence, that of penalising, not Baghdad's regime of dictatorship but the population of Iraq

— *Le Monde*

TV LISTINGS

Preview: Comedy and drama emerge from a telephone switchboard in the 1950s. *The Hello Girls* (BBC1, 8.30pm) **Review:** Peter Barnard finds a great comic talent firmly on the rails .... **Page 47**

OPINION

Hostilities declared

The change of pace in British politics this week is unlikely to slacken in the next nine months. The serious battle for the general election has begun .... **Page 17**

On the edge

If the situation is not to deteriorate further, then London and Dublin must show greater sensitivity to the fears of a community which requires reassurance .... **Page 17**

The Romanov file

Russia's present curiosity about the Romanovs and their assassination is by no means morbid. Regicide, a kind of collective parricide, scars a nation's conscience for many generations .... **Page 17**

COLUMNS

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Successful speculation, taking high profits out of high risks, is not what general public investment is about. The good public investor tries to maximise profit at the lowest available risk, and is just as concerned with avoiding loss as with achieving profit. Speculative funds are entirely legitimate, but they need to be clearly labelled as such .... **Page 16**

LAWRENCE FREEDMAN

America and its allies are already closely involved in everyday regional affairs. The status quo is not changed by intervention, but would be by non-intervention; by withdrawing power rather than intruding it, by seeking the luxury of detachment from Middle Eastern events in place of the anxieties of an acknowledged connection with the West's welfare and security .... **Page 16**

OBITUARIES

Grete Salinger, charity worker; **David Tudor**, US pianist and composer; **Tim Edwards**, stockbroker; **Lord Killearn** .... **Page 19**

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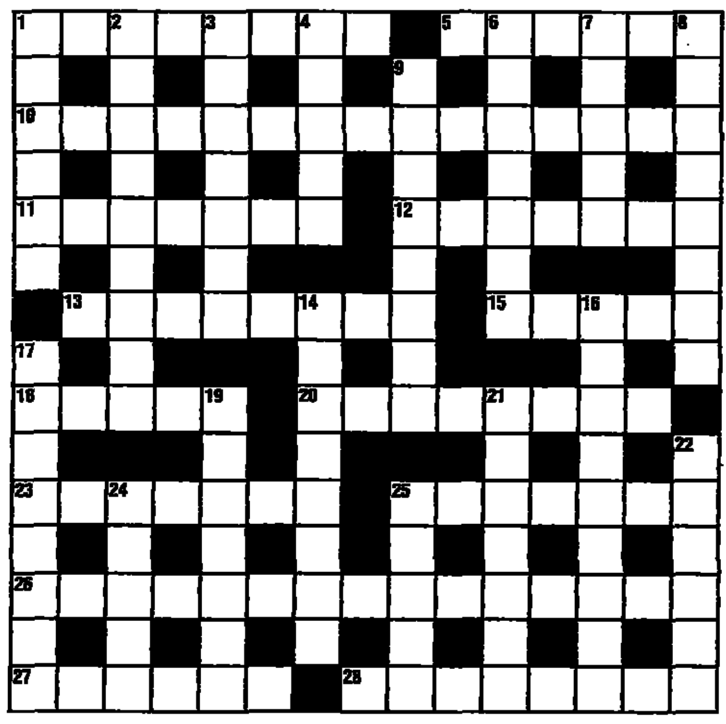

ACROSS

1 Cosmetic treatment of wild river (8).
5 Relish getting musical mounted (6).
10 Replace tiles over petrol station (9,6).
11 Fruit juice, we hear (7).
12 Wreck of journalist sunk in lethargy mostly (7).
13 Home as though about to stay (8).
15 Admiral Byrd speaking (5).
18 Incumbent not starting with more experience (5).
20 Fruit in river – put in by mistake (8).
23 To separate oxygen out, expand by factor of ten (7).
25 Gain acceptance as utter pro (4,3).
26 Invest a rouble in play requiring large workforce (6-9).
27 Delivery monarch received at royal house (6).
28 Naive unknown stopped working, roughly speaking (4-4).

DOWN

1 Hang about without money – it requires sacrifices (6).
2 Don't be upset when man catches rodents (5,4).
3 Mixed cargoes comprising flowers (7).
4 Joey's time to settle down for the night (5).
6 Spent, at first, to get dressed up (7).
7 Some horses we developed for the National (5).
8 Set sail with little boy blue? (3,2,3).
9 Sugar soap (8).
14 I printed revised version in bold (8).
16 Delicate female carried by first-class transport repeatedly (4-5).
17 Top of fencing out of sight – this could produce ha-ha (8).
19 Transport provided by Rupert – a convertible (7).
21 Heart and soul (7).
22 Fox, perhaps, appearing as day comes to a close (6).
24 Live in automobile's trunk getting tossed about (5).
25 Italian soprano hit note (5).

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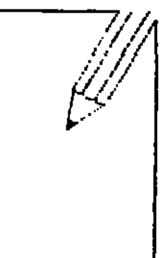

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In Scotland and Northern Ireland, overnight cloudiness should break up inland and in the west, allowing sunny intervals to develop. In eastern Scotland, cloud might be less likely to break up. Northern Ireland will also remain rather cloudy.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia:** Rather cloudy, dull, perhaps spots of drizzle, brighter intervals by afternoon. Winds fresh or strong northeast. Cool. Maximum temperature 17C to 19C (63F to 66F).

☐ **Central S England, Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England, Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N England:** Cloudy or dull start, becoming brighter, sunny intervals developing by afternoon. Winds light northeast. Warm. Maximum temperature 21C (70F).

☐ **E England, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen:** Rather cloudy, dull, perhaps spots of drizzle, brighter intervals by afternoon. Winds moderate northeast. Cool. Maximum temperature 16C to 17C (61F to 63F).

☐ **SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** Cloudy in places at first, bright or sunny intervals by afternoon. Winds light northeast. Fine. Maximum temperature 18C (64F).

☐ **N Ireland,** Cloudy, mainly dry. Winds light northeast. Cool. Fine. Maximum temperature 18C (64F).

☐ **Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday:** It will be mostly settled and dry.

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24 hrs to 5 pm b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	4.9	0.02	19	66	s	Leeds	0.4	X	16	61	c
Anglesey	6.5	-	21	70	s	Lerwick	5.1	-	15	59	s
Aspatria	8.6	-	19	66	s	Leuchars	0.5	0.01	15	59	d
Aviemore	3.2	0.01	23	73	c	Littlehmptn	5.4	-	20	68	b
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Birmingham	3.1	0.01	18	64	c	Lowestoft	2.7	-	17	63	c
Bognor R	7.1	-	19	66	b	Manchester	1.0	0.03	20	68	c
Bournem'th	X					Margate	3.7	-	18	64	du
Bristol	0.7	-	18	64	c	Minehead	0.5	0.01	17	63	c
Buxton	2.5	0.02	15	59	s	Morecambe	4.7	-	19	66	s
Cardiff	1.0	-	17	63	c	Newcastle	2.1	0.06	15	59	s
Clacton	4.8	-	17	63	b	Newquay	9.1	-	22	72	s
Cleethorpes	X					Norwich	0.4	-	17	63	c
Colwyn Bay	X					Oxford	2.5	0.01	19	66	d
Cromer	-	0.01	15	59	c	Penzance	X	-	21	70	s
Dunbar	1.9	0.01	15	59	d	Poole	8.9	0.01	20	68	s
Eastbourne	6.9	-	20	68	s	Prestatyn	X	-	21	70	s
Edinburgh	2.5	0.01	17	63	d	Ross-o-wye	2.5	0.01	16	61	c
Eskdalemuir	5.4	0.01	18	64	s	Ryde	8.1	-	20	68	b
Exmouth	9.5	-	21	70	s	Salcombe	11.2	-	19	66	s
Falmouth	10.1	-	19	66	s	Sandown	8.3	-	20	68	s
Fishguard	6.1	-	20	68	s	Saunton Snd	3.0	-	20	68	du
Folkestone	7.8	-	20	68	s	Scarboro'	0.3	0.07	15	59	du
Glasgow	3.0	-	18	64	b	Shanklin	7.9	-	X	X	b
Guernsey	10.7	-	20	68	s	Skegness	2.0	-	15	59	c
Hastings	5.7	-	20	68	b	Southsea	5.1	-	20	68	s
Hayling I	7.5	-	21	70	b	Stornoway	5.3	-	21	70	s
Herne Bay	3.9	0.01	18	64	c	Swanage	9.1	-	19	66	s
Hove	6.4	-	21	70	b	Teignmouth	11.1	-	21	70	s
Hunstanton	X	-	16	61	c	Tenby	5.0	-	20	68	b
Ilfracombe	X					Torquay	10.2	-	22	72	s
Isle of Man	1.6	0.01	18	64	c	Ventnor	9.4	-	21	70	s
Jersey	9.9	-	21	70	s	West-s-mare	0.3	-	17	63	du
Kinloss	2.6	-	20	68	s	Weymouth	10.4	-	21	70	s

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Cairo	32	90	s	Le Touqt	20	68	c	Perth	17	63	f	Venice	23	73	f
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Ch'church	9	48	X	Locarno	18	64	c	Reykjavik	12	54	f	Warsaw	24	75	s
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Cologne	21	70	s	Luxor	41	106	s	Rio de J	22	72	s	Wel'ngton	13	55	X
Corfu	26	79	s	Madrid	22	72	s	Riyadh	42	108	f	Zurich	X		

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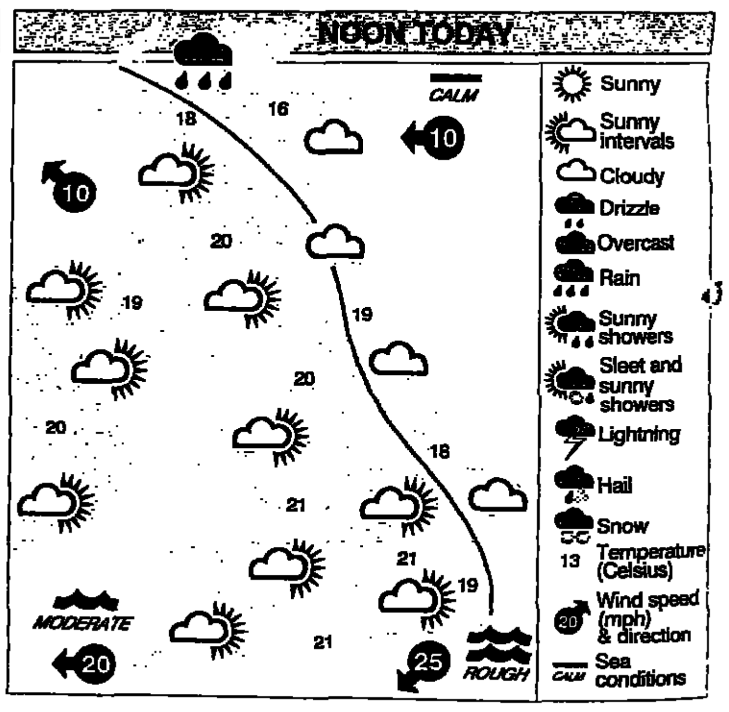

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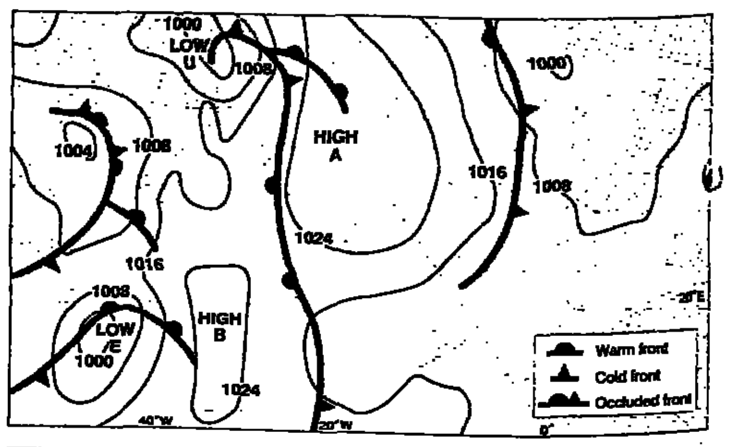

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TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.29	6.3	6.50	6.2	Leith	8.08	4.7	8.39	4.5
Aberdeen	6.38	3.6	7.25	3.5	Liverpool	4.07	7.8	4.32	7.5
Avonmouth	11.52	10.4	-	-	Lowestoft	2.54	2.1	3.22	2.2
Belfast	4.23	3.2	4.51	3.1	Margate	5.08	4.1	5.27	4.1
Cardiff	11.52	9.6	-	-	Milford Haven	11.21	5.5	11.58	5.3
Devonport	10.21	4.5	10.38	4.3	Newquay	10.22	5.2	11.00	5.0
Dover	4.09	5.7	4.35	5.6	Oban	10.27	2.9	11.30	2.9
Dublin (N Wall)	4.59	3.5	5.36	3.4	Penzance	9.49	4.6	10.26	4.3
Falmouth	10.38	4.2	11.05	4.0	Portland	11.12	1.5	11.36	1.3
Greenock	5.18	3.1	5.41	3.2	Portsmouth	4.15	4.0	4.36	4.0
Harwich	4.37	3.4	5.00	3.4	Shoreham	4.15	5.1	4.40	5.0
Holyhead	3.28	4.6	4.03	4.5	Southampton	3.45	3.9	4.16	3.9
Hull (Albert D)	11.26	6.2	11.59	5.9	Swansea	11.16	7.6	11.55	7.2
Ilfracombe	11.01	7.4	11.39	7.0	Tees	9.11	4.5	9.43	4.5
King's Lynn	11.40	5.3	-	-	Walton-on-Naze	4.36	3.7	5.01	3.6

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 6.20 am
Sun sets: 7.30 pm
Moon sets: 3.05 pm
Moon rises: -

New Moon September 12

London 7.38 pm to 6.21 am
Bristol 7.47 pm to 6.31 am
Edinburgh 7.56 pm to 6.27 am
Manchester 7.49 pm to 6.27 am
Penzance 7.57 pm to 6.45 am

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THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 5 1996

Morgan seeks asset freeze on manager

By Robert Miller

MORGAN Grenfell and Royal Bank of Scotland have taken joint legal action to freeze the assets of a manager responsible for £1.4 billion invested in three European funds.

The three Morgan Grenfell funds, dealings in which are expected to resume today, are at the centre of an investigation by a City watchdog. It is understood that the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro), which polices fund managers, was still questioning several senior Morgan Grenfell managers late last night.

In a writ filed in the High Court, Morgan Grenfell and RBS have acted to freeze the assets of Peter Young, the manager of the three Morgan Grenfell funds, and those of Russ Oil & Technology, a Luxembourg company in which Mr Young is said to have a personal involvement.

Mr Young, 38, and married with two children, was suspended from his job on Monday after being interviewed by Imro officials. The fund manager was not available for comment for comment at his house in Amersham, Buckinghamshire, yesterday.

Acting on a market tip-off Imro raided Morgan Grenfell's London offices late last week. The watchdog is now investigating alleged irregularities relating to the valuation of certain unquoted European investments.

RBS was appointed as trustee to two of the three funds — Europa and the £788 million European Growth — earlier this year. A spokesman for Morgan Grenfell said: "I can confirm that we have issued a writ against Peter Young in order to freeze his assets."

The five-point writ prevents the defendants, Mr Young and Russ Oil & Technology, from dealing in warrants or shares issued by a specific company, Xavier Mines.

The warrants in question give Mr Young and the Luxembourg company the right to buy 15.5 million shares in Xavier Mines at a fixed price of 9.15 Swedish kronor a share. The writ also freezes "any other assets directly or indirectly" owned by Morgan Grenfell or RBS, acting as trustees to two funds, and "all such accounts and inquiries as are necessary".

Dealings in the three funds, the £788 million European Growth and the smaller Europa and European Capital Growth, resume today. Morgan Grenfell is braced for a run of investors anxious to redeem their money. Morgan Grenfell faces losses of between £150 million and £200 million.

Germany's Deutsche Bank, Morgan Grenfell's parent company, has taken certain unquoted securities held by the three funds onto its book in an attempt to ensure that the funds have enough money to meet the expected rush of investors pulling out. Morgan Grenfell said yesterday that valuations on unquoted holdings in its three European funds were carried out by independent parties, and most often by Fiba Nordic and Ice Securities.

The Morgan Grenfell case has caused dismay to investors and the City. Whatever the outcome of the investigation commentators feel that the public, who in the current low interest rate environment have been seeking higher returns than are generally available from bank and building society accounts, will have their confidence dented in the fund management industry.

Philip Warland, director general of the Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds, said: "Investors in the funds should be reassured by Morgan Grenfell's very positive moves to protect investors' holdings . . ."

He went on: "The structure of the industry and the strict rules which govern it are there to ensure that this will remain the case. Morgan Grenfell's actions will help to maintain the industry's reputation and investoprs can take comfort from that."

William Rees-Mogg, page 16

Jobs at risk as Booker bids to carry off N&P

By Sarah Cunningham

MORE than 1,200 jobs are at risk after a proposed £266 million takeover of Nurdin & Peacock by Booker, the rival cash and carry and food wholesaling company.

The deal, which is recommended by the Nurdin board, will give Booker 38 per cent of the UK's cash and carry market.

Charles Bowen, chief executive of Booker, said he expects to see around £10 million operating cost savings in the first year, because of increased buying efficiencies and head office rationalisation. He also said that around 40 of the two companies' 213 depots will be shut. He would not comment on staff cuts, but it is thought that around 1,200 jobs will go.

Booker said the Peacock family, which owns 28 per cent of N&P, had accepted the terms. SHV Makro, the Dutch company that holds 14 per cent of N&P, has not made its position clear, and there is speculation it may launch a counter-bid.

The deal, which the company will fund mostly with fixed rate debt, will take gearing at Bookers from 75 per cent to 450 per cent.

Mr Bowen said "cash and carry is under tremendous pressure as a sector and there was a lot of duplication between the two companies." But, he said, even with an increased market share, the company would not increase its prices because "it is not in our interests to do so."

David Sims, chief executive of N&P, will stay with the company for up to a year. Mr Bowen said compensation for Mr Sims has not yet been decided.

Under the offer, N&P shareholders will receive 14 new Booker shares and £154.53 in cash for every 100 N&P shares. This values each Booker share at 208p. There is a cash alternative of 201p per share.

Nurdin & Peacock reported interim pre-tax profits of £7.3 million for the six months ended June 28, compared with £15.9 million a year ago. Earnings per share fell to 4.1p from 10p but the interim dividend has been increased from 2.27p to 3p.

Booker made a pre-tax profit for the six months ended June 15 of £32.6 million compared with £27.9 million. With exceptionals stripped out, profit declined from £32.2 million to £28.1 million. Earnings per share, excluding exceptionals, declined from 9.8p to 7.8p per share but the interim dividend will be increased from 7.9 to 8.1p.

Analysts said it was a good deal for both sides and N&P shares closed up 68½p at 200½p while Booker were 22½p better at 383p.

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DES JENSON

Brokers and underwriters watch David Rowland as he rings the Lutine Bell yesterday

Lutine Bell rings in new era

By Jon Ashworth

THE Lutine Bell rang out at Lloyd's of London yesterday, heralding a new dawn for the world's oldest insurance market. Thousands of brokers and underwriters watched David Rowland, chairman of Lloyd's, perform the historic ceremony, helped by Anthony Nelson, Minister for Trade. The applause was rapturous.

The future of Lloyd's was formally secured hours earlier when Mr Nelson approved Equitas, the reinsurance company created to "draw a line" under 1992 and prior year losses. The Lutine Bell rang three times: in sorrow for those who suffered; in joy for the solution; and to signal the start of a new journey. Mr Rowland said: "We came extremely close to disaster, and we are never going to do it again." He urged his audience to restore Lloyd's to its rightful place, saying: "Let's get on with the job."

Mr Nelson hailed the occasion as "a great milestone for Lloyd's, the insurance market, and the City of London". He said Lloyd's faced an enormous task in clawing back ground lost to its competitors.

Refuge raises United terms

By Marianne Curphey

REFUGE ASSURANCE has bowed to shareholder pressure and made a last-ditch attempt to save its proposed £1.5 billion merger with United Friendly by altering the terms of the deal.

With only four days to go before a vote on the merger at an extraordinary meeting to create a new company, United Assurance, Refuge yesterday came up with an improved offer. Its shares rose 8½p to 407p.

The deal is designed to meet the demands of Britannic, the largest shareholder in Refuge with 10 per cent of shares, Mercury Asset Management with 5 per cent and Prudential, which holds a 6 per cent stake.

Perpetual, a leading fund manager with a 7 per cent stake, does not believe the deal goes far enough and has said that it will vote against the merger.

The focus of discontent among institutions has been their right as shareholders to the funds in the ordinary branch inherited estate.

Also known as "orphan assets", this inherited estate is a sum of money estimated to be over and above what is deemed necessary to pay out bonuses to Refuge policyholders in the future.

Shareholders argue that a proportion of these funds belong to them. When the merger was announced on August 8, the funds were missing from Refuge's assessment of its value because it did not believe the Department of Trade and Industry would allow it to distribute them in the future.

First Marathon (UK) Ltd, the British unit of the Canadian investment company, estimates the surplus to be worth £2.50 a share; Perpetual says the original deal undervalued Refuge by £400 million.

Under the new terms announced yesterday, shareholders will be issued with a warrant or other financial instrument entitling them to any surplus payouts in the future. The improved offer is likely to satisfy MAM, Prudential and Britannic.

John Cudworth, Refuge chief executive, said yesterday that he proposed to open the EGM and then adjourn it until September 26 to give shareholders time to consider the improved deal.

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BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3872.7	(+16.8)
Yield	4.04%	
FT-SE A All share	1917.11	(+8.22)
Nikkei	20201.87	(+3.72)
New York:		
Dow Jones	5644.32	(−4.07)*
S&P Composite	654.22	(−0.50)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5¼%*	(6%)
Long Bond	95¾*	(96½)
Yield	7.09%*	(7.06%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	5²³⁄₃₂%	(5²³⁄₃₂%)
Liffe long gilt future (Sep)	106⅞	(106¹⁵⁄₁₆)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5673*	(1.5665)
London:		
$	1.5655	(1.5679)
DM	2.3204	(2.3274)
FFr	7.9551	(7.9681)
SFr	1.8872	(1.8932)
Yen	170.17	(171.35)
£ Index	85.6	(85.8)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4826*	(1.4850)
FFr	5.0851*	(5.0805)
SFr	1.2057*	(1.2090)
Yen	108.85*	(109.27)
$ Index	96.2	(96.4)

Tokyo close Yen 108.90

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Nov)	$21.50	($21.40)

GOLD

London close	$385.75	($386.95)

* denotes midday trading price

Decision on rates awaited

By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

MARKETS nervously await the first opportunity for the Bank of England to signal a change in interest rates today.

The meeting yesterday between Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, lasted only 35 minutes and although most City analysts believe that unchanged rates are the most likely outcome they want to be sure.

The Bank prefers to signal any change as soon after the meeting as possible and it first operates in the money markets at 9.45am.

On balance, economists believe the economic case for a rate cut is too weak for the Chancellor to risk an all-out fight with the Bank, which last month called for rates to be increased. Short sterling futures traded on the Liffe market are pricing in unchanged rates for the rest of this year.

Tesco launches new price war

By Sarah Cunningham

TESCO announced a wide range of price cuts yesterday, sparking fears that supermarkets are set to embark on a costly price war and triggering a sharp fall in shares of the main food retailers.

Tesco will launch its Unbeatable Value campaign on September 9 during which 600 of its most popular products will be sold at unbeatable prices. If the products are cheaper elsewhere, Tesco will refund twice the difference.

An internal company document suggests that both products would have to be bought on the same day, and the non-Tesco product within three miles of the store. Tesco is investing around £30 million in the campaign.

Analysts said that Tesco has been increasing its prices gradually in recent months. They expect other supermarkets to respond to the move, particularly Asda, which has built its reputation on low prices. J Sainsbury has already announced a price campaign, called Autumn Value, which it launched on September 1 and involves special offers on 700 products. "We're confident this is a very strong promotion and we will not be making any changes to it," a Sainsbury spokesman said.

The smaller chains, such as Kwik Save and Iceland, could have most to lose from a price war, analysts said. Tesco closed 9p lower, at 291p; Sainsbury fell 8p, to 376½p; Safeway fell 9½p, to 323p; and Iceland fell 3p, to 88½p.

Trafalgar sued over Ritz deal

By Paul Durman

TRAFALGAR HOUSE, the construction and engineering group, is being sued over the sale of the Ritz Hotel in a lawsuit brought by another company named after a famous battle.

Agincourt Associates claims that it is owed £750,000 for help that it gave Trafalgar in finding a buyer for the Ritz, which was sold last October for £75 million. Trafalgar was in financial difficulty at the time and trying to raise cash.

Agincourt will claim that it had a written agreement with John Fletcher, a main board director of Trafalgar, to help with the sale of the hotel, in Piccadilly, central London, and that it worked on the deal for several months. The little-known firm claims that it introduced several potential buyers, and was instrumental in the eventual sale to Ellerman Investments — the company run by the Barclay twins, Frederick and David.

It is understood that Trafalgar House will say that it was already talking to the Barclay brothers, and, therefore, does not owe Agincourt any fee.

Since the sale of the Ritz, the struggling Trafalgar has been taken over by Kvaerner, the Norwegian shipping and engineering group.

Agincourt and Trafalgar have spent several months wrangling over the claimed £750,000 commission. The writ was issued on Agincourt's behalf by Wright-Morris, whose senior partner formerly worked for Trafalgar.

Which is the only airline
to offer complimentary
limousines at
137 U.S.
airports?

BBA search for bolt-ons as interim rises 146%

By Keith Rodgers

BBA, the engineering group that dropped its bid for Lucas in June, is hunting for bolt-on acquisitions in Europe, North and South America and the Far East.

Roberto Quarta, chief executive, said yesterday that he saw opportunities to expand in friction materials for automotive brakes, aviation services and non-woven fibres. He was speaking as the company reported a 146 per cent rise in interim pre-tax profits to £83.1 million, including exceptional items. But he added that the timing was not right for a large takeover to move the group into new businesses.

Pre-tax profits before exceptional items in the half year to June 30 rose 19 per cent, to £72.1 million. BBA made a gain of £11 million on the sale of Duralay, the carpet underlay maker, to a CINVen-backed management buyout in May. Earnings per share were up 24 per cent, at 10.3p.

Group turnover on continuing operations increased 24 per cent, to £552.4 million, while the operating margin rose 1.2 per cent, to 13.5 per cent. Excluding Fiberweb, the newly acquired non-wovens textiles business, turnover, held back largely by weakness in the German friction materials business, grew by just 5 per cent, to £468.9 million.

The group achieved a net cash inflow of £92.5 million, which left net cash of £33.4 million. Mr Quarta said the company would continue to emphasise cash generation and believes there is "enormous growth value to come".

Operating profits in the transportation division, which includes friction materials and Signature, the US aviation services business, grew by 11 per cent.

Mr Quarta said that the company was looking to double the capacity of its US friction business to secure a 10 per cent share of a $1.5 billion annual market, and is investing DM20 million in its German brakes operation.

He added that the group intends to expand the frictions business in China, Brazil and India, and saw only limited opportunities for both friction and Signature in Europe.

The interim dividend, payable on November 15, was increased from 1.8p to 2.1p. Kleinwort Benson expects pretax profits of £142 million in the second half.

PETER TREVNOR

Half-year revenue and earnings are up for John Percy-Davis, chief executive, left, and David Woodward of Nelson Hurst

Nelson Hurst beats fall in premiums

NELSON HURST, the insurance broker, fought off a sharp drop in premium rates to lift pre-tax profits by 13 per cent to £6.12 million in the six months to June 30 (Fraser Nelson writes).

The group, whose chairman is David Woodward, paid out £420,000 to the Equitas rescue plan for Lloyd's Insurance, to whom it passes over half of its risks.

Revenue rose to £29.3 million (£25.8 million) and earnings to 7.9p (7.6p). The interim dividend, payable October 9, is 2.6p (2.85p).

Labour gives promise that it would avoid 'City-bashing'

By Robert Miller

AN INCOMING Labour government would not indulge in a bout of "City bashing", according to a leading member of the Shadow Treasury team.

Mike O'Brien, who was yesterday confirmed as a successor to Alistair Darling, Labour's former City affairs spokesman now promoted to Shadow Chief Secretary, said: "The City employs 2.8 million people and contributes 18 per cent to our GDP. We want not only to protect those jobs but to encourage even more to be created."

Mr O'Brien, a former member of the Commons Treasury Select Committee, promised that his party would look to ease the burden and cost of City regulation on firms, while keeping investor protection at the top of the agenda.

Labour would continue to support the tax breaks associated with Peps and Tessas, said Mr O'Brien, and it would extend the Tessa savings concept to a new Individual Savings Account to encourage people on lower incomes to save for the long term.

The new Shadow Treasury team, announced yesterday by Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, will also consider what role National Savings has in its plans to fund government borrowing and also offer competitive savings accounts.

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Smiths in move to 'Big Six' auditor

The last FT-SE 100 company still to be audited by a medium-sized auditor is switching to a "Big Six" firm. Smiths Industries is to recommend to its annual meeting in November that the audit be moved from Clark Whitehill, Britain's 10th largest accountancy firm, which has done the work since 1922, to Price Waterhouse.

Sir Roger Hurn, chief executive, said Smiths felt it needed an auditing firm whose international presence and experience were clearly second to none.

Moment of truth, page 27

Board attacked

Northern Ireland's Industrial Development Board came under fire after the Benelux factory in Limavady, Co Londonderry, that made compact disc covers shut with the loss of 100 jobs a year after it opened amid financial difficulties at its parent company in Hong Kong. William Ross, Ulster Unionist MP for Londonderry East, said that serious questions needed to be asked about IDB investments after the £36 million factory opened with the help of £10.4 million of taxpayers' money.

Homes boost

Average house prices in Scotland rose 3.1 per cent in the three months to the end of July, TSB Bank reported in its quarterly Scottish house price monitor. The rise continued an upward trend recorded in the spring. The bank said its index has now been rising for the past six months.

Air talks

The US Transport Department is ready to resume talks with Britain on an "open skies" aviation accord, but may first reach a similar agreement with France. Britain has balked at opening Heathrow airport, the base of British Airways, to more flights by American carriers, a chief US demand.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.08	1.92
Austria Sch	17.38	15.88
Belgium Fr	50.92	46.62
Canada $	2.254	2.094
Cyprus Cyp£	0.7539	0.6989
Denmark Kr	9.56	8.76
Finland Mkk	7.63	6.98
France Fr	8.37	7.72
Germany Dm	2.461	2.271
Greece Dr	387	362
Hong Kong $	12.76	11.76
Iceland	115	95
Ireland Pt	1.016	0.936
Israel Shk	5.32	4.87
Italy Lira	2485	2330
Japan Yen	185.40	169.40
Malta	0.601	0.546
Netherlds Gld	2.762	2.532
New Zealand $	2.41	2.19
Norway Kr	10.62	9.82
Portugal Esc	249.50	231.00
S Africa Rd	7.62	6.82
Spain Pta	203.00	190.00
Sweden Kr	11.05	10.25
Switzerland Fr	2.028	1.848
Turkey Lira	137804	129804
USA $	1.666	1.536

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to traveller's cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Oil markets calm amid Iraq tension

OIL markets reacted calmly yesterday to news of more missile strikes on Iraq, but analysts say that nervous traders are reluctant to take profits amid continuing tension in the Middle East. After shrugging off news of the second strike on Iraq, prices on London's International Petroleum Exchange hit session highs on news of a third hit in the expanded no-fly zone in southern Iraq. October futures for the international benchmark Brent Blend were down three cents on the day, at $22.18 a barrel, but well above the day's low of $21.65.

Oil will be prone to "price spikes" while the stand-off between Baghdad and the US continues, traders said. Brent has risen more than $1 this week and is nearly $6 above levels of this time last year. Baghdad's attacks on Kurdish strongholds have brought a delay in implementing a UN agreement letting Iraq sell $2 billion worth of oil to pay for food and medical supplies. Analysts wonder whether, without Iraqi oil, peak winter demand can be met in industrialised nations.

US rate fears recede

BUILDERS trimmed their spending on new projects sharply in July to the slowest pace in five months, the Commerce Department said yesterday, offsetting some concern that the US economy needed an interest rate rise to slow it down. Total spending on private and public-sector construction dropped 1.4 per cent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of $554.7 billion after a revised 0.7 per cent June rise. It was the biggest monthly drop since a 2.6 per cent decline in February.

BTP in $7.5m expansion

BTP, the international speciality chemicals group, is acquiring the leather processing chemicals business of Henkel in America for $7.5 million in cash. The business, which will form part of BTP's Hodgson Process Chemicals subsidiary, includes production facilities in Wisconsin. BTP's Performance Chemicals division is already a big producer of leather-processing products. Rob Martin, BTP finance director, said the acquisition would be a springboard into the US leather market.

Yorkshire Food loss

YORKSHIRE FOOD GROUP incurred a pre-tax loss of £4 million for the half year to June 28 as poor US trading and the costs of cutting back its UK business took their toll. Losses were £85,000 in the first half of the previous year or 8.68p a share (0.24p loss). The interim dividend is held at 0.88p a share, which is due on November 8. Turnover increased 9 per cent to £77.6 million, which included £60.9 million from continuing operations.

US office suppliers link

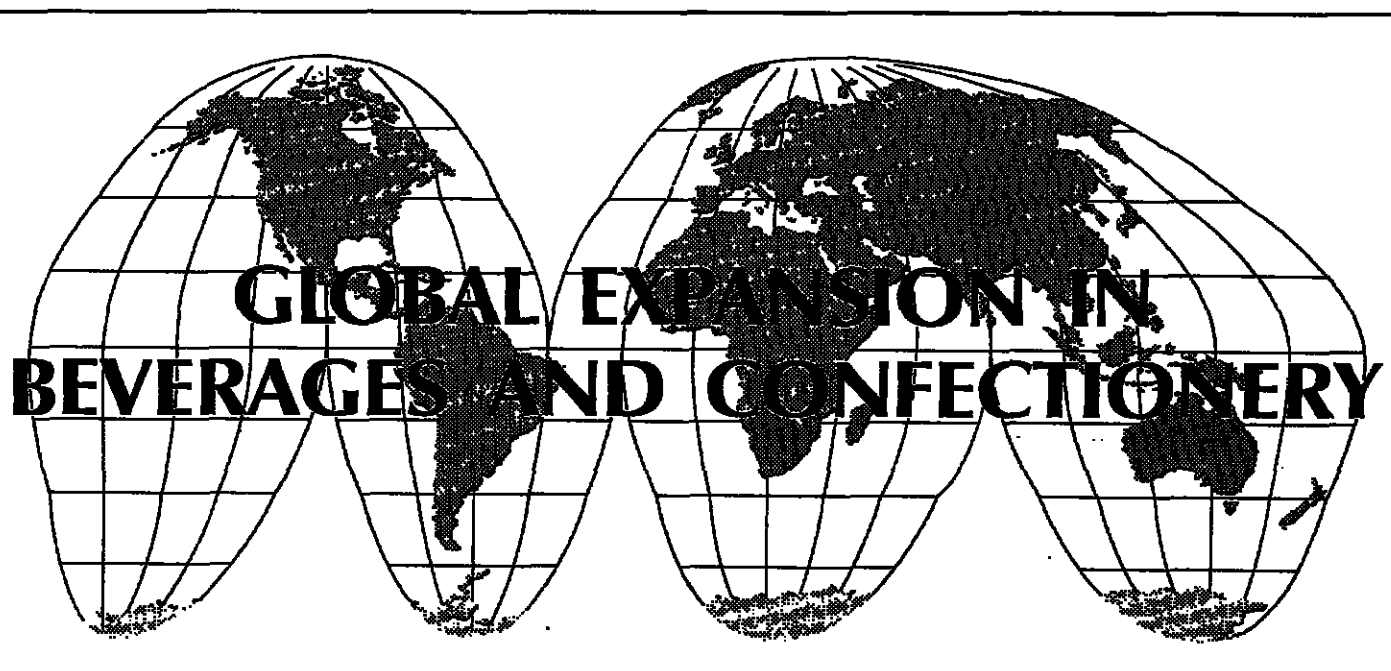
STAPLES, the American office products company, is buying Office Depot, one of its main rivals, for $3.48 billion. The combined company, to be known as Staples The Office Depot, will have more than 1,100 store locations and revenues of $10 billion, making it by far the biggest office products store chain in North America. The firms will combine their mail order and contract printing businesses. Staples operates 517 office products superstores in the US and Canada.

Argyle looks to India

THE Argyle diamond mine in Australia has moved to strengthen ties with India after its decision in June to withdraw from De Beers' marketing arm, the Central Selling Organisation (CSO). Mark Hooper, general manager — commercial for Ashton Mining, which co-owns Argyle with RTZ-CRA, the mining group, said Argyle would continue to work closely with the Indian cutting and polishing industry. India had expected Argyle to renegotiate its supply contract with the CSO.

London-Shanghai pact

TIES between London and Shanghai have been strengthened with the signing of an historic protocol between Sir John Chalstrey, Lord Mayor of London, and Xu Kuangdi, Mayor of Shanghai. The agreement, 11 months in the making, should help UK firms to make inroads in Shanghai, in return for providing training and expertise. UK insurers have been unable to obtain licences to operate in Shanghai. Sir John is leading 17 City businessmen on an eight-day visit to China.



1996 HALF YEAR RESULTS
(Unaudited)

"Cadbury Schweppes has made further progress in the first half of 1996. Sales are up 13.3%, pre-tax profit up 12.0% and an interim dividend of 5.2p, an increase of 6.1%, declared. The lower growth rate in earnings per share largely reflects the tax impact of a write down of bottling assets in France; without this mainly non cash, one-off charge, the earnings per share would have been 15.2p compared to 12.1p reported.

Sales	£2,293m	+13.3%
Trading Profit	£263m	+11.4%
Pre-Tax Profit	£231m	+12.0%
Earnings per Share	12.1p	+ 3.0%
Dividend per Share	5.2p	+ 6.1%

There has been growth in the base business in both beverages and confectionery. The Dr Pepper/Seven-Up acquisition is fulfilling our expectations and the confectionery developments in China, Poland and Russia are coming on stream. We have reached agreement to sell our 51% interest in Coca-Cola & Schweppes Beverages for £622.5 million which will produce a substantial one-off gain in the full year, reduce borrowings and give the Group greater flexibility in future developments.

The outlook for the year as a whole is positive with further growth expected for both business streams."

Dominic Cadbury, Chairman

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☐ Asda's old-fashioned election issue ☐ Blair woos business ☐ Reed finds multimedia no bar to monopoly

The politics of educating Archie

☐ ARCHIE NORMAN is an ambitious man. At the age of 42 he has been the finance director of Kingfisher and the saviour of Asda. Now he is planning to move into politics. But he may not stand in the next election because of the likelihood that his chosen party, the Conservatives, may not win.

However, Archie has a great deal to learn about democracy and communication. And next Wednesday, at Asda's annual shareholders' meeting in Pudsey Civic Hall, he might get a lesson in both, which will stand him in good stead for his new career.

The meeting should be a celebration of Archie's brilliant career. In the four years since he took the helm at Asda he has turned it from the sick man of British food retailing to a strong, independent force. It cannot avoid being sucked into the price war being raged between J Sainsbury and Tesco, even if it only cuts a handful of prices to be seen to be doing something. But at least it has a good enough product mix, bringing in clothes and household goods, to be well insulated from its worst excesses. Asda shares have risen four-fold during Archie's reign.

But Pirc, the corporate governance lobby group, is angered by a rather high-handed attitude. For instance, why couldn't Asda have announced that Archie was moving up to be chairman a week earlier, so including it in the annual report and giving shareholders a chance to vote on it? And, for that matter, why do Asda's articles of association not require the chairman and chief executive to be re-elected every three years, as is the standard policy of most companies, most institutional shareholders and both the Association of British Insurers and the National Association of Pension Funds?

Asda argues that Archie would have been re-elected anyway. Following that logic, John Major should not bother to stand for re-election in his Huntingdon constituency. With a 48,000 majority, the Prime Minister is certain to be voted back in next time, even if there is a Labour landslide.

In this matter Asda is a bit of a dinosaur. The idea of insulating the chairman and chief executive of a company against the regular requirements of corporate governance was common in the bad old days, but has been progressively weeded out as companies are made more aware of how ludicrous these provisions are. After all, the chairman and chief executive are merely directors who happen to be placed in those particular positions.

As a political animal, Archie Norman must realise the perception of doing something is often as important as actually doing it. Re-electing him may be a formality. But so is the State Opening of Parliament. And Archie hopes to be attending that in the not too far distant future.

Small print fails Labour prospectus

☐ EVERY new outpouring from new Labour increases the impression that it would do little of substance in office to change central Conservative policies. To hide this, however, it seems wedded to a baneful era of political correctness. At the macro-economic level, Labour seeks the same holy grail of stability promised, if not delivered, by Conservatives. On one crucial uncertainty, however, Labour remains as equivocal as the Tories. It might, or might not, want to join a European currency. Both agree it would be folly to commit yourself at this stage. But only political convenience is really likely to affect the decision between now and 1998.

Labour promises not to set more regulation on business. Yet this implies a narrow view of business. It threatens much-increased regulation of utilities, road and rail transport and tobacco. There will be more regulation of payments.

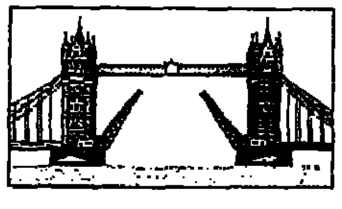
The latter aims to help small and medium-sized enterprises, whose virtues all parties recite as a mantra. But one or more parts of that vast group would be worst hit by regulation of minimum wages, youth training and EU-style job protection.

New Labour rightly wants to cut taxes paid by the poor. But it has to take the expensive and probably unrealistic route of aiming for a 10 per cent start-up rate of income tax. A far cheaper and more effective aid to poor families would be to bring in a much higher transferable married allowance, but this is no longer politically correct.

Long-term investment is to be promoted. How? Labour will encourage financial institutions, the great short-termists, to take a greater role in corporate governance. "Fat cats" will doubtless stay in the pillory.

Tony Blair rightly trumpets Labour's conversion to sound, modern government and market economics. Business may find the politics of righteousness worse than the politics of envy.

PENNINGTON



Court battle for new US lawman

☐ GARY REBAK is described as a "Silicon Valley anti-trust lawyer". Given the eagerness of Americans for litigation and the capacity of high technology firms to do the dirty on each other, this must be a lucrative job.

Yesterday he filed a petition on behalf of Reed Elsevier attempting to have stronger restrictions put on the Thomson Corporation's $3.4 billion takeover of West, the legal publisher. Reed's worry is the combined group will have a monopoly of US legal reports, so choking the supply of information to Reed's Lexis-Nexis on-line service.

Reed paid $1.5 billion for Lexis-Nexis. So far it has been a good purchase. But Reed fears that a combined Thomson-West could use its dominance in the market for hard-copy legal information to challenge Lexis-Nexis's strong position in the on-line business. Having seen the rug pulled from under the market for *Offical Airline Guides* shortly after Reed bought it from the administrators of the Maxwell empire, Reed must be acutely aware of the problem.

Reed has been developing other on-line services that it can run on Lexis-Nexis, notably a scientific publishing business. But a company more fleet of foot would have developed these independently, perhaps jointly with a clever little group like Maid, instead of splashing out fortunes on Lexis-Nexis.

In publishing, thanks to the growth of on-line services and the Internet, large means vulnerable these days. Big companies have to fight to maintain thier market position against some predatory minnows.

This is exactly what Thomson and West are doing by coming together. Merging could give them the power to dictate market prices. And if Reed does not show a flair for innovation for which it is not historically renowned, it could be stuck with a supposedly high-growth on-line business that hardly grows at all.

Profits up 12% despite effects of marketing war with Coca-Cola

Dr Pepper refreshes Cadbury

By Alasdair Murray

SALES of the Dr Pepper soft drink helped to put some fizz into Cadbury Schweppes's half-year results with the company yesterday unveiling a 12 per cent rise in profits to £231 million.

In America Dr Pepper sales outstripped market growth at 6 per cent. The brand also made a successful return to the UK market. Cadbury predicted that sales would grow by around 75 per cent to 15 million litres by the year end.

But 7-Up, the other leading brand Cadbury acquired as part of its $1.7 billion purchase of Dr Pepper last year, was hit by a fierce marketing battle with Coca-Cola's Sprite drink.

David Wellings, chief executive, described trading as robust and predicted continuing single-digit growth in the mature Western soft drinks and confectionary markets.

The results, at the upper end of expectations, pleased the City and shares in the company rose 8p to close at 520.5p.

Total sales rose 13 per cent to £2.3 billion. Cadbury estimated the underlying growth in profits at around 5 per cent. Profits in the confectionery business rose 3 per cent to £105 million.

Cadbury's new factories in Russia and China have now come on stream and the company said it had reached breakeven point in Poland. The soft drinks business increased profits by 20 per cent to £198 million. In the UK, profits declined by around 7 per cent.

Mr Wellings will retire next week to be replaced as chief executive by John Sunderland, the former head of Cadbury's confectionery business. The interim dividend rises 6 per cent to 5.2p, payable on November 22.

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Wedgwood profits rise by 28%

From Eileen McCabe in Dublin

WATERFORD Wedgwood, the ceramics and crystal manufacturer, said yesterday that improved sales in America and Japan helped to lift interim pre-tax profits by 28 per cent, to Ir£9.5 million, in the six months to June 30.

Earnings per share rose 32 per cent, to Ir1.08p, and the company declared an interim dividend of Ir0.30p a share, up from Ir0.25p, payable on November 29. Sales rose 8 per cent, to Ir£163 million.

Tony O' Reilly, chairman, said the results reflected the success of the company's marketing strategy and the international reach of its brands. New product launches will be accompanied by further investment to reduce manufacturing costs.

Hickson back in black with £1m first-half profit

By Paul Durman

HICKSON International, the chemicals company that has struggled with problems through the 1990s, has pulled itself back into the black with a first-half profit of £1 million.

Sir James Hann, chairman, said that the results understated the extent of the progress the management had made in turning round the business. The second half would benefit from savings made from 617 job cuts and the sale or closure of 18 plants.

Hickson has also won new orders for its PharmaChem operation in Cork in the Irish Republic. This has been running at close to half capacity since it lost the £8 million a year contract to supply the manganese catalyst used in Persil Power washing powder.

Hickson is planning further disposals to cut its borrowings, which at June 30 stood at £93.3 million, or 87 per cent of shareholders' funds. Sir James said he wanted to cut debt by 20-25 per cent by Christmas. Restructuring costs and losses on disposals last year pushed Hickson to a full-year loss of £43.3 million. The first-half pre-tax profit in 1995 was £6.1 million.

This time, protection and coatings was the only division to increase profits, to £5.9 million (£5.5 million). Hickson has high hopes for a branded timber protection that it is making for the US market.

Profits at Hickson & Welch fell back to £400,000 (£1.5 million) on reduced sales of £34.6 million. The performance chemicals division, including PharmaChem, turned in a loss of £300,000 (£2.7 million profit).

Hickson is not paying an interim dividend.

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Medihealth joins race for depots

By Sarah Cunningham

MEDIHEALTH, an independent pharmaceuticals wholesaler, made a provisional bid yesterday for the Lloyds Chemists wholesaling depots, which must be sold before UniChem or Gehe can renew their attempts to buy the Lloyds business.

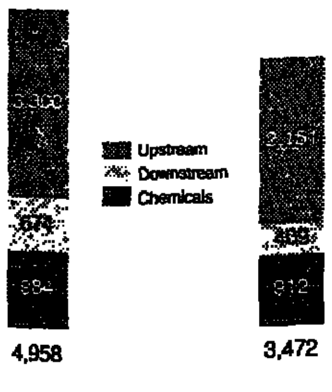
Mike Retter, chief executive of Medihealth, which has four depots and claims up to 4 per cent of the pharmaceuticals wholesaling market, said he believes that as many as seven companies or management teams have made indicative bids for one or more of the depots.

Medihealth hopes to buy all the depots as a going concern, but Mr Retter said that potential buyers have been given only limited information about the depots, making it difficult to value them. The Department of Trade and Industry has indicated it will take another fortnight to check the credentials of the bidders.

TOTAL 1996 FIRST HALF RESULTS

First half 1996		First half 1995
(In millions of French francs)		
Sales		
80,664		67,209
Cash flow		
7,007		5,624
Operating income		
4,958		3,472
Net income (Group share)		
2,630		1,809
Net income (Group share) before non-recurring items		
2,630		1,965
Earnings per share (FF)		
11.0		7.8

Operating income by Business Segment (FF million)



First half 1996		First half 1995
Investments/Divestments (FF million)		
6,840 / 1,490		5,156 / 1,761
Net debt to equity ratio		
18%		

FIRST HALF 1996 RESULTS INCREASE: NET INCOME +45%
NET INCOME BEFORE NON-RECURRING ITEMS +34%

TOTAL's Board of Directors, chaired by Thierry DESMAREST, met on September 3, 1996, to review the consolidated financial statements for the six months ended June 30, 1996.
Group sales rose by 20 per cent versus the 1995 first half to a level of 80.7 billion French Francs (FF). Operating results increased by 43 per cent versus the 1995 first half to FF 4,958 million. Consolidated net income rose to FF 2,630 million, representing an increase of 45 per cent over the 1995 first half net income and 34 per cent over the 1995 first half net income before non-recurring items. There were no non-recurring items in the 1996 first half results.
Net income per share increased by 41 per cent to FF 11.0 per share based on a diluted number of shares outstanding of 238.9 million in the 1996 first half.

☐ **Consolidated Accounts**

In millions of French Francs	1 H 96	1 H 95	Full year 1995
Sales	80,664	67,209	135,829
Cash flow	7,007	5,624	11,273
Operating income	4,958	3,472	7,441 (1)
Net income (Group share)	2,630	1,809	2,248
Net income (Group share) before non-recurring items	2,630	1,965	3,705
Earnings per share (FF)	11.0	7.8	15.8 (2)
Earnings per ADR (3) ($)	1.08	0.77	1.58 (2)

(1) before FAS 121
(2) before non-recurring items
(3) average exchange rate for the period. [illegible]

☐ **A better environment**
Comparing the 1996 first half with the 1995 first half, changes in the main external economic factors had a positive impact of approximately FF 700 million on the Group's operating results. Brent crude prices were strong during the 1996 first half.
Refining margins continue to be very volatile and relatively weak, albeit above the levels seen in the same period last year.

Main external factors	1 H 96	1 H 95	Operating income impact (BF)
Dollar (/Franc)	5.10	5.04	n.s.
Brent ($/barrel)	19.04	17.49	+ 0.4
NW Europe ($/t) refining margins	12.2	9.0	+ 0.3

☐ **A strong rise in operating income due to upstream production growth and productivity gains**
Each sector contributed to the Group's operating income increase:

In millions of French Francs	1 H 96	1 H 95	1H96/1H95
UPSTREAM	3,300	2,151	+53%
DOWNSTREAM	674	409	+65%
CHEMICALS	984	912	+8%
Total operating income	4,958	3,472	+ 43%

- **Upstream is the main driver for the Group's rising profitability**
The 53 per cent improvement in Upstream operating income stems from the combination of three factors, each having nearly the same impact: an increase in hydrocarbons prices, an increase in production volumes, and a decrease in technical costs. The Group's production grew by 15 per cent to 766 mboe/d (thousands of barrels of oil equivalent per day) versus 668 mboe/d in the 1995 first half. Production outside the Middle East increased by 28 per cent to 478 mboe/d (including 213 mb/d of liquids and 1,458 Mcf/d of gas). Middle-East production was stable at 288 mb/d.
- **Downstream improvement but profitablilty continues to be affected by weak refining margins**
Operating income for the downstream segment increased by 65 per cent relative to the 1995 first half due to higher refining margins in Europe and efforts to reduce the refineries break-even point. In marketing, gains from cost reduction and from an increase in petroleum products sales were offset by the negative impact of a retail price war in the United Kingdom.
- **Chemicals start benefiting form external growth**
TOTAL's Chemical sales increased by 14.9 per cent to FF 12.5 million in the 1996 first half primarily due to external growth at Hutchinson and the paints division. Operating income for the Chemical sector rose to FF 984 million, an increase of 8 per cent versus the 1995 first half. The smaller percentage increase in operating income as compared to the rise in sales is due to the mediocre economic environment in Europe, notably in the building industry. Ongoing programs should allow the Chemical sector to increase its profitability by deriving the full benefit of recent acquisitions.

☐ **A solid financial position**
Cash flow increased by 25 per cent to FF 7,007 million in the 1996 first half versus FF 5,624 million in the 1995 first half. Gross investments in the 1996 first half were FF 6,840 million, an increase of 33 per cent over the 1995 first half, reflecting the strong investment programme for the Upstream as well as the Chemicals acquisitions. Divestments were FF 1,490 million, based on selling prices, versus FF 1,761 million in the 1995 first half.
Consolidated equity rose to FF 57.8 billion at June 30, 1996. Net-debt-to-equity ratio is unchanged from December 31, 1995, at 18 per cent. The TSDIRAs issued in 1990 have been reimbursed entirely.
TOTAL's long-term debt rating was raised from A1 to Aa3 by Moody's and maintained at AA - by Standard & Poors.

☐ **Outlook**
Early in the 1996 second half, the operating environment is generally unchanged and production continues at a high level. For year end, the outlook for the Brent crude price is more uncertain.
For the medium term, production growth as well as productivity gains in each sector should allow continued improvement in the Group's profitability.

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STOCK MARKET

OLIVER AUGUST

Farnborough take-off for defence and aerospace

EVENTS at this week's Farnborough air show have given the defence and aerospace sector yet more lift-off. After Monday's order bonanza, **Rolls-Royce** shares were yesterday boosted from 223½p to 230p by an American order for 25 executive jets powered by engines made at its Allison subsidiary.

GKN jumped to £10.63, up 16p, as hopes rise at the vehicle company for a defence order from Qatar. **Vickers**, found shares unchanged at 271½p ahead of interim results today. **Smiths Industries** also got an orders boost on the Hampshire airfield moving up 8p to 772½p.

Other defence company shares enjoyed an equally good run. **British Aerospace** breached the £10 mark, ending at £10.00½ up 3½p. **Cobham** moved up 1½p to 633p and **Hunting** stayed at 112½p.

But manufacturers and analysts at Farnborough have also quietly voiced concern about the potential impact of renewed western military activity in the Gulf. Defence, as well as aerospace, orders could suffer if there is a backlash against the intervention in Iraq, possibly fuelled by hardline Muslim factions inside cash-rich administrations keen to buy western technology.

Defence sales boomed following the Gulf War in 1991. Shorts, for example, sold missile systems to the Kuwaitis, who wanted to strengthen their own defences against further attacks from their neighbours. Sales of private and executive jets have also been growing as a result of increased business travel to the Gulf. All this could be in jeopardy if the present conflict escalates.

But the fall-out from the US-led attack does not always have to be negative. **Shell** shares rose 13p to 959p because oil production in the Gulf may be disturbed and Iraq's return to the world oil markets seems to be postponed indefinitely. SBC Warburg and Natwest were both positive on Shell.

British Airways rose 9p to 521p after upbeat August passenger figures. The good news was augmented by reports that USAir is prepared to settle its lawsuit against BA and support the tie-up with American Airlines.

Elsewhere in the transport sector, **Railtrack** gained 4½p at 249½p, **BAA** shifted 2½p up to 476½p and **Stagecoach** went up 1p to 527½p.

Another supermarket price war may be in the offing and dealers are bracing themselves for yo-yo movements in the sector. **Asda** fell from 110¼p to 106p. The group is also embroiled in a row over boardroom changes ahead of the departure of Patrick Gillam, its chairman, who will be replaced by Archie Norman, chief executive.

Kwik Save was down 7p to 365p, **Safeway** lost 9½p at 323p, **Sainsbury** slid to 376½p, a loss of 8p. **Iceland** fell3½p to 88½ after a profits warning on Tuesday.

In the construction sector **RMC** ended at £11.08, up 18p, and **Redland** was up 10p to 448½p. Analysts were again upgrading prospects for a full recovery in Germany after contradictory survey results.

Markets have digested the news that **United News & Media** intends to run a seven-day operation at the *Daily* and *Sunday Express*. Shares went down 6½p to 698½p. The management of the newly-created group is confident that efficiency savings can be achieved without damaging editorial quality. Industry insiders have warned that previous experiments with seven-day operations failed during the 1980s. Lord Hollick, who arrived at the Express titles through the merger, is believed to be looking to the US where seven-day operations are the norm.

Alleged plans by the Labour Party for a reform of the broadcasting tax system have sent television company shares down. **HTV** closed 9p lower at 333½p, **Scottish TV** was down 6p at 696½p and **BSkyB** finished at 570p down ½p.

Disappointing advertising revenue figures and indications that the bid by Granada may be postponed brought **Yorkshire-Tyne Tees TV** down 32½p to £11.77½.

A rally in the regional electricity sector lit up the share prices of the recently-privatised companies. **East Midlands Electricity** rose 11p to 572p, **Yorkshire Electricity** gained 11½p to 759p, **Scottish Power** went from 305p to 307½p and **Southern Electric** was up 2½ to 668p.

Business support services will have envied **Rentokil** which rose 4½p to 412½p following a recommendation by Merril Lynch. The **Filofax Group** moved up 1p to 162½p.

The drugs sector saw two interesting movers. **SmithKline Beecham** closed at 747½, up 6p, following Lehman Brother's positive review and **Cortecs International** went to 305p, up 3½p, on the successful trial of an oral vaccine for diabetes.

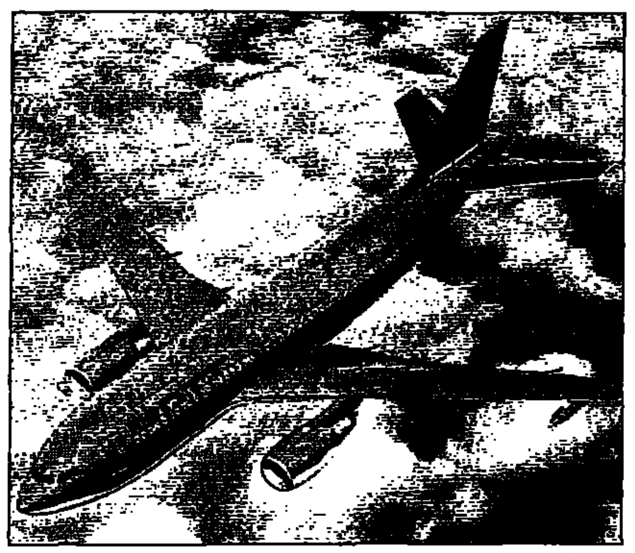
Trocadero went down 2½p to 72½p as dealers were still feeling blue from recent interims. Hotel shares rallied and boosted **Granada** to 854½p up 3½p and **Ladbroke** to 209½p up 2p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED**: Gilts dealers were looking towards the morning's announcement on the talks between Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England. Their meeting lasted only 35 minutes and the City feeling is that interest changes are unlikely.

Should rates be cut regardless of the thriving economy gilts are expected to react badly. Any such move would be seen as politically-motivated and could ultimately lead to rising inflation.

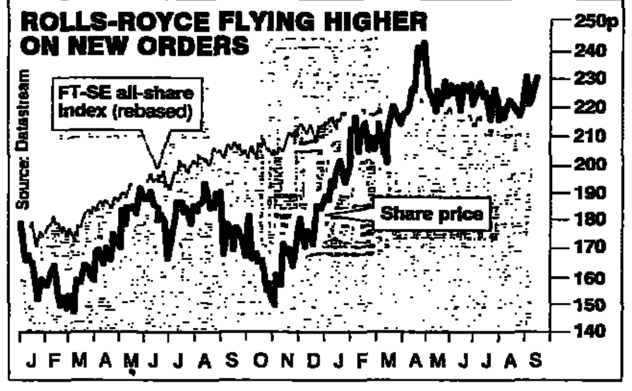
The September long gilt future closed £1⁄16 lower at £106 14⁄16. The focus will switch to the December contract on Thursday.

☐ **NEW YORK**: On Wall Street investors held back for key employment figures while oil shares gave up some of their previous gains. By midday the Dow Jones Industrial average was down 4.07 points at 5,644.32.



The MRTT in which British Aerospace has a stake. BAe shares rose, along with others in the industry

Shares in IMI plummeted on Tuesday despite reasonable results. It may not have been surprising, therefore, when the company's directors announced yesterday they were spending £8.7 million on Objex, a company that produces customised bar pumps. The shares bounced back to 391½p from 379½.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 5644.32 (-4.07)
S&P Composite .... 654.22 (-0.50)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 20201.87 (+3.72)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 11076.95 (+119.77)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 554.16 (+3.18)

Sydney:
AO .... 2258.5 (+13.9)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2532.39 (+21.62)

Singapore:
Straits .... 2094.48 (-10.78)

Brussels:
General .... 9509.32 (+56.58)

Paris:
CAC-40 .... 1984.77 (+13.34)

Zurich:
SKA Gen .... 762.80 (+2.10)

London:
FT 30 .... 2796.0 (+9.3)
FT 100 .... 3872.7 (+16.8)
FT-SE Mid 250 .... 4406.0 (+20.6)
FT-SE-A 350 .... 1939.4 (+8.5)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100 .... 1937.93 (+7.25)
FT A All-Share .... 1917.11 (+8.22)
FT Non Financials .... 2023.05 (+6.11)
FT Fixed Interest .... 113.02 (-0.03)
FT Govt Secs .... 92.76 (+0.13)
Bargains 32130
SEAQ Volume 610.0m
USM (Datastrm) .... 207.08 (-0.46)
US$ .... 1.5658 (-0.0022)
German Mark .... 2.3202 (-0.0072)
Exchange Index .... 85.6 (-0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU 1.2213
£:SDR 1.0726
RPI .... 152.4 Jul (2.2%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX .... 151.9 Jul (2.8%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Amer Opps U Ln	100	...
Barbican Health	64½	...
Dairy Crest Gp	191½	...
Dentmaster Hldgs	4	...
Egypt Trust	670¼	+ 1
Electronic Retail	241	...
Fayrewood	47½	...
Gabriel Trust (16)	20	...
Gall Thomson Env	60½	...
Hambros Smlr Asn C	65	...
Hoare Govett 1000 C	97½	...
Life Numbers	12	...
Life Numbers Wts	5	...
Lon & Edin Publ	14¼	- ½
Pemberstone Wrts	7	...
Schrod Em Cntrs C	369	...
Schrod Emg Cou Wts	38	+ 1
Schrod Emg Countrs	91¼	+ ¼
Selector	68	...
St James Place Cptl	86½	...
Value Realisation	71½	...
Walker, Crips, Wddle	70½	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Bath Press n/p (14)	1¼	...
Inspec Gp n/p (180)	17½	- 2
Ronson n/p (25)	2	...
Stagecoach n/p (410)	117	+ 2½
Traffcmstr n/p (290)	40	...
Wyko Group n/p (123)	15½	+ 1½

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Wetherspoon JD .... 982½p (+35p)
Caird Gp .... 475p (+14p)
Redland .... 448½p (+10p)
Threp Anti Inc .... 526p (+10p)
Azlan .... 730p (+13p)
Kingfisher .... 668½p (+11p)
Alba .... 270p (+9p)
Pace Micro .... 214p (+8p)
Booker .... 384½p (+24p)

FALLS:
Tesco .... 291p (-9p)
Safeway .... 323p (-9½p)
Danka Bs Sys .... 465p (-67½p)
HTV Group .... 333½p (-9p)
Pegasus .... 406p (-9p)

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TEMPUS

Carried out with cash

BOOKER'S agreed offer for Nurdin & Peacock took the stock market by surprise, but with the benefit of hindsight both the deal and the timing look obvious. N&P's cash and carry and wholesale business has been suffering, not least because of the decline in the number of small retailers, squeezed out by the relentless advance of the superstores.

The parlous state of N&P was on full view in yesterday's interim results, which show pre-tax profits halving to £7.27 million. Nevertheless, Booker is happy to pay a hefty premium for the company, boasting £20 million in cost savings within two years. Booker has certainly done better than N&P in tapping the growing independent restaurant market, which is taking up sales lost because of the attrition among small shopkeepers.

There is no doubt that good money can be made in declining markets but only by achieving a dominant position. In that sense Booker had no choice but to buy N&P. And its timing is excellent, the later having begun to invest heavily in information technology, a cost which affected the half-year profits.

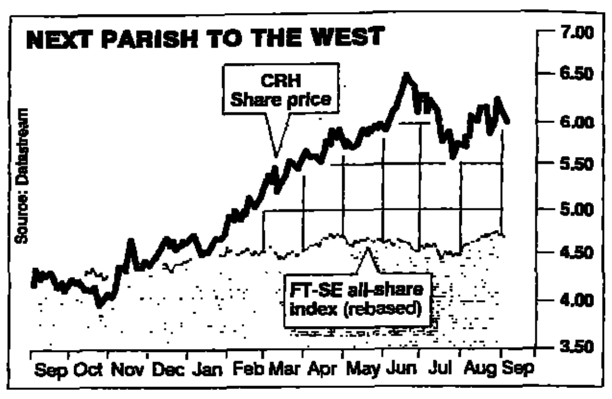
Yet Booker is left with two potential threats: SHV, the Dutch owner of the rival Makro chain holds a 14 per cent stake in N&P and could spoil the party, although it has failed to show any interest so far. More problematic is the Office of Fair Trading, which might balk at allowing Booker 38 per cent of the UK's cash and carry business. Booker will argue that N&P was too weak to be a viable competitor anyway but small shopkeepers will complain loudly about any further squeeze on their business. The political tide is beginning to turn against the superstores.

CRH

THE reputation of BTR as a lean and mean machine took a bit of a blow yesterday with the revelation that Tilcon's US management apparently had the use of five aircraft, including two helicopters. Unfortunately, CRH, a leaner and meaner company that has agreed to buy Tilcon, manages to survey its worldwide empire without private planes and the fleet is to go.

That should save CRH about $1 million per year, a useful sum, but not of great significance given a total value for Tilcon, including its debt, of $329 million. The price being paid by the Irish company looks cheap when compared with the sale by BTR of the UK Tilcon operations to Minorco.

The latter paid the equivalent of 1.3 times sales for the UK aggregates businesses whereas CRH is getting the New England quarries and concrete plants for only 90 per cent of the annual turnover. However, that comparison is not entirely fair. Aggregates is a local business — the product is expensive to transport — and local availability determines both the price of the assets and the margins earned. Nonetheless, Tilcon looks a well managed operation and CRH should be able to push margins from 9 per cent to almost 12 per cent with a following wind. However the real gain should be market share in the North Eastern seaboard, with CRH achieving 50 per cent or more in some localities.



BBA

BBA has confounded its critics. Having tilted at Lucas and quickly retreated, the management was feeling bruised by suggestions that BBA is just another conglomerate needing a deal to propel it forward.

Yet in the first half, BBA showed plenty of evidence of auto-propulsion. Profits from continuing businesses were well ahead, despite the severe downturn in Germany which reduced friction product sales by 5 per cent. Margins improved, but more promising is the indication that BBA's top line is growing. Sales were up almost a quarter from a year ago, but even after excluding acquisitions and the boost from Fiberweb, the non-woven textile business acquired a year ago, turnover was up 5 per cent after discounting the effect of the slump in Germany.

No less impressive, but probably less surprising, was the improvement in cash flow. BBA's chief executive has a reputation for stripping the cash out of manufacturing businesses and last year the company set itself the target of squeezing working capital by 10 per cent. The net result has been a big shrinkage in stocks, with net operating cash flow rising from £19 million to £90 million.

Having proved that BBA does not need a deal and with net cash in the bank, the company is in a better position to add to its collection of disparate businesses. Indeed, these make no more sense together than apart — BBA's transportation division groups automotive components with an airport service provider. However, if BBA continues to make its businesses sing sweetly, no one should complain.

Cadbury Schweppes

WORRIED investors who predicted that the purchase of Dr Pepper would pitch Cadbury Schweppes into battle with the cola giants have been proved right. War has indeed broken out, with Cadbury struggling against a pre-emptive strike by Coca-Cola with a huge campaign for Sprite before Cadbury's relaunch of 7-Up.

So far the score is even, with 7-Up's modest growth reversing recent declines, while Dr Pepper enjoys above market growth in the US and made a promising start in the UK. Cadbury is good at selling junk food and, as it points out, even small gains in the huge US market translate into big profits.

Confectionery is having a gentler ride and Cadbury should soon show results from Eastern Europe and China investments. The sale of Coca-Cola Schweppes Beverages, releases funds for acquisitions. With profits growing in mature western markets, life should remain sweet for shareholders.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	944-943	Dec	1055-1052
Dec	972-971	Mar	1069-1064
Mar	994-993	May	1079 SLR
May	1009-1008	Jul	1082-1075
Jul	1025 BID		
Sep	1040-1039		Volume: 5698

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1615-1612	May	1482 SLR
Nov	1568-1565	Jul	1477 SLR
Jan	1531-1529	Sep	n/a
Mar	1499-1496		Volume: 3745

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	341.5-41.0
Spot: 366.5		Aug	340.0-38.5
Oct	351.8-51.0	Oct	328.0-27.1
Dec	348.0-47.0	Dec	329.0-28.1
Mar	345.0-44.3		Volume: 1721

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 3

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB.	109.66	75.23	94.04
(+/-)	+2.71	-16.93	+0.01
Eng/Wales	109.78	123.62	93.42
(+/-)	+3.11	+9.70	-0.41
(%)	-25.0	+8.0	-2.0
Scotland:	108.26	121.06	96.09
(+/-)	-2.16	+9.43	+1.45
(%)	-20.0	-22.0	-11.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	22.25	+0.30
Brent 15 day (Oct)	22.15	+0.35
Brent 15 day (Nov)	21.50	+0.40
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	23.50	+0.35
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	22.90	+0.40

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	219 (-6)	222 (-6)
Gasoil EEC	210 (+2)	211 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	105 (n/c)	108 (n/c)
Naphtha	198 (-5)	201 (-5)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Sep	207.50-07.75	Dec	194.50-95.00
Oct	202.00-02.25	Jan	191.25 SLR
Nov	198.75 SLR		Vol: 17767

BRENT (6.00pm)

Oct	22.23-22.25	Jan	20.31 BID
Nov	21.50-21.55	Feb	n/a
Dec	20.85 BID		Vol: 37694

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Sep	106.00	Sep	99.65
Nov	107.90	Nov	102.15
Jan	109.75	Jan	104.60
Mar	111.65	Mar	106.50
May	113.65	May	108.50
Volume: 661		Volume: 89	

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	72.5
Mar		75.0
Apr	70.0	72.4
	Volume: 121	

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Oct 89.75-90.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Sep 96	1110	1105	1111
Oct 96	1220	1210	1213
Nov 96	1251	1240	1248
Jan 97	1270	1257	1262
Vol: 608 lots		Open Interest: 3505	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2010.0-2015.0	1995.0-1998.0	1911675
Lead ($/tonne)	820.00-821.00	814.00-815.00	210925
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1008.5-1009.0	1034.5-1035.0	373825
Tin ($/tonne)	6185.0-6190.0	6240.0-6245.0	23770
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1470.5-1471.0	1504.5-1505.0	1879250
Nickel ($/tonne)	7424.0-7425.0	7525.0-7526.0	62996

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Dom	460	14	29½	35½	7½	22	27
(*469½)	500	3½	11½	18½	32½	47½	51
ASDA	100	9	11½	13½	0½	2	4
(*107½)	110	2½	5½	8	4½	6	8
Boots	600	27	38	50½	5½	17	21½
(*617½)	650	4	14½	26½	34	44½	48
Br Airways	500	29½	38½	49	5½	13½	18½
(*520)	550	5	14½	24½	31½	39½	45
BP	600	32½	44	53	5	13½	30
(*624)	650	6½	19	28	29½	38½	45
Br Steel	180	12	15½	19	2½	7	9
(*189)	200	2½	6	10	13	18	20
C & W	420	16	27½	37	8½	16	24½
(*425½)	460	3	12	19½	35½	40½	47
CU	550	48	62	69½	1½	7½	20
(*592½)	600	12½	31	39	16½	26	43½
ICI	800	37½	57	70	11½	22	34½
(*821½)	850	13	32	47½	37½	47	60
Land Sec	650	36	44½	55½	2½	11	14
(*680)	700	6	17½	27½	23	32½	37
M & S	460	31½	38	47½	3	7½	12
(*486)	500	7	15½	24	18½	25½	29½
Nat West	650	33½	52	60	9½	18½	33
(*669½)	700	9	26½	35	35½	44½	60
Safeway plc	300	29	34½	40½	2	7	10½
(*325)	330	8	16½	23	12½	20	23½
Sainsbury	360	23½	29½	37	3½	8	11½
(*378)	390	6½	13½	21	16	27½	26
Shell	950	18½	36½	49	20½	29½	42
(*956)	1000	2½	16	26	58½	62½	72½
Smkl Bch	736	29½	—	—	15½	—	—
(*747½)	785	10	—	—	43	—	—
Storehse	300	16½	—	—	3	—	—
(*311½)	330	3	—	—	19½	—	—
Trafalgar	50	1	—	—	0½	—	—
(*50)	60	0	—	—	10	—	—
Zeneca	1500	65½	108	132½	25½	48	63
(*1540)	1550	38	81½	104	49	71½	85
	Series	Nov	Jan	Apr	Nov	Jan	Apr
BAT Ind	420	30½	43½	50	9½	14	24½
(*441½)	460	15½	22½	30½	28½	32	43½
Vodafone	220	16	18½	24	7	9½	13
(*225½)	240	7½	9½	15	18	21	24
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Grnd Met	460	24½	34	39½	11	21½	24½
(*469)	500	7½	15½	21½	34½	45	47
Ladbroke	200	14	19	21½	5½	8	11
(*209½)	220	4½	9½	12	16½	19	22
Utd Bisc	200	11½	17	18	7	10½	14
(*204½)	220	3½	9	9½	20	22½	26½

September 4, 1996 Tot: 20482 Call: 6852 Put: 13630 FT-SE Call: 1233 Put: 3036
*Underlying security price.

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
BAA	460	24½	33	41½	5	11	16½
(*476)	500	5½	14	21½	26½	34	37½
Thames W	550	17½	27½	39½	9½	24½	31
(*553)	600	3	10½	19½	47	58	62
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BTR	240	20	24½	27½	4	6½	11½
(*250)	260	9	13½	16½	13	15½	22
Br Aero	950	68	90	101	14	24½	33½
(*999½)	1000	37½	61	73	33½	45½	55
Br Telcm	360	23½	29½	33½	6½	12½	16½
(*374½)	390	7½	14	19	21	28½	32½
Cadbury	500	32½	44½	49	10½	16½	25
(*521)	550	10½	22	24½	39	43½	52
Guinness	460	21½	32½	34	11½	16½	23
(*471)	500	5½	14½	20½	36½	39	46
GEC	360	30½	36½	44	4	9	12
(*383)	390	11½	19	26½	15½	21½	23½
Hanson	140	19½	21	—	1	3½	—
(*159½)	160	5½	9½	—	8	12½	—
LASMO	180	19½	24	27½	2	3½	5½
(*196)	200	7½	11½	15½	9	11½	13
Lucas	220	22½	29	33	6	7½	10½
(*236)	240	10½	17½	22	14	16	19½
Pilkingtn	200	13½	18	22½	7	9½	11½
(*205)	220	4½	9	13½	19	21	22½
Prudential	420	21	35	39½	10	16½	25
(*433)	460	7	17	21	34½	39	47½
Redland	420	39½	45	53½	7½	13	18½
(*448½)	460	13½	23½	32	26½	32	38½
R-Royce	220	16	22	27	5½	9	13
(*230)	240	6	12	17	16	19½	25
Tesco	280	18	25½	30	7	9½	15½
(*292½)	300	7½	15½	20	17	19½	25½
Williams	330	29	—	—	3	—	—
(*358)	360	9½	—	—	15	—	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3873)

	3750	3800	3850	3900	3950	4000
Calls						
Sep	141	95½	55½	26½	8½	1½
Oct	156½	116½	82	52	30½	15
Nov	179	141	109	79	55½	36½
Dec	205½	168½	134	102½	77	56
Jun	—	253	—	199	—	150
Puts						
Sep	5	10	21	42	78½	127
Oct	26½	30½	46	67	96	132½
Nov	35½	47½	65	85½	112	145
Dec	49½	62½	80	100	124½	154½
Jun	—	141	—	185	—	234

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Sep	Dec	Apr	Sep	Dec	Apr
Abby Nat	550	40½	55½	67½	0½	8	22
(*588½)	600	6	25	38½	16½	28	46
Amstrad	130	7½	14½	—	2	8½	—
(*135)	140	2½	10	—	7½	13	—
Barclays	900	20½	49½	66	9	26½	46
(*909)	950	3	26	43½	42	54	73½
Blue Circ	360	14½	25	31	3	11	13½
(*374)	390	0½	10	16½	22	27½	29½
Br Gas	200	6	10	14½	2½	8½	12½
(*203½)	220	0	3	7	16½	23½	26
Dixons	500	33½	50	60	1	9½	16½
(*531½)	550	3	21½	32½	20½	31½	39
Forte	343	41	—	—	0½	—	—
(*383½)	373	11	—	—	1	—	—
Tarmac	100	2½	6½	9	2½	7½	9
(*100)	110	0	3	5½	10	14	15
Hillsdwn	180	6	11½	15	1½	7	9
(*184½)	200	0	3½	6½	15½	19½	20½
Lonrho	160	16½	21	23½	0	2½	4½
(*176)	180	2½	8½	11	5½	9½	13
Sears	90	6½	9½	—	0	2	—
(*96)	100	1	4½	—	4½	7	—
Thorn EMI	1800	42	91½	—	12	37½	—
(*1827½)	1900	4	43½	—	74	91	—
Tomkins	260	6½	16½	21	3	9	13
(*263)	280	0½	8	12	17	20½	24
Lloyds TSB	360	11½	25½	32½	3	11½	21½
(*368)	390	1	11½	18	22½	28	38
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Glaxo W	900	36½	63½	80	16	31	43½
(*915)	950	13	38½	54½	43½	57	69
HSBC	1100	49	79½	97	18	35	56
(*1123)	1150	23½	52½	72½	42½	59½	82
Reuter	750	25	50½	64	20½	32½	40
(*751½)	800	7½	28½	41	53½	61½	74
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Royal & Sun	394	23	31	37	6½	14½	24
(*411)	431	5	14½	19	28½	36	45½
	Series	Oct	Feb	May	Oct	Feb	May
Kingfishr	650	27½	52½	62	10½	24½	35½
(*668½)	700	6½	28½	37½	40	51	61½
	Series	Oct	Dec	Mar	Oct	Dec	Mar
Unilever	1300	30½	46	69½	15½	30	36½
(*1306½)	1350	9	23	44½	46	57½	63
	Series	Sep	Dec	Apr	Sep	Dec	Apr
Natl Pwr	360	35	42	51½	0	6	11½
(*394)	400	3	16½	29½	9½	22	28
Scot Pwr	294	16	26½	31½	1	6½	11
(*308)	323	1½	11½	18	15½	19½	26

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 66819	Sep 96	3889.0	3896.0	3878.0	3885.0	10614
	Dec 96	3911.0	3914.0	3902.0	3906.5	2489
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest: 3769	Sep 96	4400.0	4400.0	4400.0	4400.0	61
	Dec 96	4435.0	4435.0	4435.0	4435.0	61
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 455010	Sep 96	94.27	94.28	94.22	94.26	10526
	Dec 96	94.28	94.30	94.25	94.28	13973
	Mar 97	94.08	94.09	94.04	94.06	7772
Three Mth Euro Yen	Dec 96	99.27	99.27	99.27	99.27	89
	Mar 97	99.09	99.09	99.09	99.09	115
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 1113902	Sep 96	96.84	96.85	96.83	96.83	10364
	Dec 96	96.78	96.79	96.75	96.76	24112
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 157587	Sep 96	107-03	107-07	106-27	106-28	22584
	Dec 96	106-10	106-17	106-03	106-04	24124
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 96	122.38	122.42	122.35	122.36	1206
	Dec 96	120.71	120.78	120.65	120.66	2766
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 221613	Sep 96	97.35	97.36	97.19	97.22	87304
	Dec 96	96.42	96.42	96.25	96.28	126097
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 27189	Sep 96	95.64	95.65	95.64	95.65	195
	Dec 96	95.63	95.64	95.63	95.64	330
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 85151	Sep 96	97.91	97.84	97.81	97.82	3001
	Dec 96	97.78	97.81	97.77	97.80	2737
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 66422	Sep 96	115.72	115.75	115.60	115.71	10773
	Dec 96	114.97	115.04	114.69	114.71	27062

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¾ Low 4 Week fixed: 5⅝
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⁷⁄₁₆; 3 mth 5⁷⁄₁₆. Sell: 2 mth 5⁷⁄₁₆; 3 mth: 5½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅝-5½	5¾-5⅝	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⅝	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¾	
Sterling Money Rates:	5¾-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5¾-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5¾-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5¹³⁄₁₆	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆
Interbank:	5¾-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5¾-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5¾-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5¹³⁄₁₆	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆
Overnight: open 5¾ close 4.					
Local Authority Deps:	5¹¹⁄₁₆	n/a	5¹¹⁄₁₆	5¹⁵⁄₁₆	5¹⁵⁄₁₆
Sterling CDs:	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⅝	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⅝	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⅝	5¹³⁄₁₆-5¾	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆
Dollar CDs:	5.38	n/a	5.58	5.83	6.10
Building Society CDs:	5¾-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5¾-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5¾-5¹¹⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5⅞

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅛-4⅞	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⁹⁄₁₆	5-4
Deutschemark:	3⅛-2¹⁵⁄₁₆	3⅛-3	3⅛-3	3¼-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
French Franc:	3⅝-3½	3⁹⁄₁₆-3⁷⁄₁₆	4⅛-3⅞	4⅜-4¼	4-3
Swiss Franc:	2-1⅞	2⅛-1¹⁵⁄₁₆	2¼-2⅛	2⅜-2¼	2⅛-1⅞
Yen:	⅝-½	⅝-½	⅝-½	⅝-½	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $386.30-386.60 Close: $385.50-386.00 High: $386.80-387.30
Low: $385.00-385.50 AM: $385.95 PM: $385.60

Krugerrand: $385.00-387.00 (£245.00-247.00)

Platinum: $394.50 (£252.00) Silver: $5.18 (£3.325) Palladium: $124.75 (£79.70)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Sept 4	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6012-2.6094	2.6012-2.6031	¼-⅛pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Brussels	47.783-47.940	47.783-47.867	13-9pr	34-27pr
Copenhagen	8.9618-8.9860	8.9618-8.9705	1⅝-1¼pr	4¼-3⅝pr
Dublin	0.9635-0.9667	0.9643-0.9656	⅛pr-⅛ds	1-⅝ds
Frankfurt	2.3195-2.3277	2.3195-2.3213	⅛-⅜ds	1⅛-1⅜pr
Lisbon	237.69-238.65	237.69-237.92	⅛-⅛pr	⅛-⅛pr
Madrid	196.22-196.90	196.22-196.35	23-32ds	68-86ds
Milan	2366.9-2374.7	2366.9-2369.1	52-67ds	16-18ds
Montreal	2.1434-2.1470	2.1439-2.1456	0.33-0.28pr	0.61-0.53pr
New York	1.5650-1.5664	1.5651-1.5658	0.047-0.027pr	0.047-0.017pr
Oslo	10.020-10.057	10.030-10.028	⅛-⅛ds	⅛-⅛ds
Paris	7.9526-7.9750	7.9526-7.9577	1⅝-1¼pr	3⅝-3¼pr
Stockholm	10.386-10.419	10.387-10.404	¼-⅛ds	⅛-⅛ds
Tokyo	170.06-170.84	170.06-170.28	⅞-¾pr	2⅜-2⅛pr
Vienna	16.321-16.383	16.321-16.336	⅞-¼pr	1⅞-⅝pr
Zurich	1.8859-1.8945	1.8859-1.8884	⅞-⅝pr	1⅞-1⅝pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2621-1.2629
Austria	10.44-10.45
Belgium (Com)	30.56-30.60
Canada	1.3699-1.3704
Denmark	5.7323-5.7343
France	5.0865-5.0875
Germany	1.4840-1.4845
Hong Kong	7.7322-7.7327
Ireland	1.6190-1.6210
Italy	1512.90-1513.40
Japan	108.75-108.85
Malaysia	2.4965-2.4975
Netherlands	1.6642-1.6647
Norway	6.4086-6.4106
Portugal	152.05-152.15
Singapore	1.4075-1.4085
Spain	125.48-125.56
Sweden	6.6471-6.6546
Switzerland	1.2072-1.2082

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5638-1.5664
Australia dollar	1.9739-1.9760
Bahrain dinar	0.585-0.597
Brazil real*	1.5810-1.5852
China yuan	n/a
Cyprus pound	0.714-0.724
Finland markka	7.0025-7.1185
Greece drachma	367.75-374.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.0924-12.0986
India rupee	55.50-56.46
Indonesia rupiah	3642.0-3710.6
Kuwait dinar KD	0.464-0.474
Malaysia ringgit	3.9043-3.9076
New Zealand dollar	2.2577-2.2603
Pakistan rupee	55.57 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.645-5.700
Singapore dollar	2.2013-2.2037
S Africa rand (com)	6.978-7.080
U A E dirham	5.695-5.810

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	724	Marks Spr	1,800
ASDA Gp	15,600	NatWst Bk	3,900
Abbey Ntl	2,300	Nat Grid	1,100
Allied Dom	1,400	Nat Power	495
Argos	180	Next	186
AB Foods	291	Orange	1,900
BAA	672	P & O	727
BAT Inds	6,200	Pearson	1,100
BOC	884	Pilkington	4,900
BP	4,900	PowerGen	3,400
BSkyB	4,100	Prudential	2,500
BTR	8,000	RMC	370
BT	3,700	RTZ	793
Bk of Scot	820	Railtrack	3,500
Barclays	2,000	Rank Org	1,100
Bass	548	Reckitt Col	2,300
Blue Circle	1,100	Redland	1,600
Boots	1,800	Reed Intl	519
BAe	368	Rentokil	1,900
BA	3,500	Reuters	635
Brit Gas	5,100	Rolls Royce	11,200
Brit Steel	3,100	Royal & Sun	3,000
Burmah Cstl	844	Royal Bk Sct	3,700
Burton	3,900	Safeway	2,700
Cable Wire	2,600	Sainsbury	4,300
Cadbury	3,700	Schroders	328
Carlton Cms	1,800	Scot & New	432
Cm Union	478	Scot Power	1,700
Courtaulds	1,000	Svrn Trent	220
Dixons	844	Shell Trans	5,100
EMI	636	Siebe	561
Enterpr Oil	2,700	SmKl Bch	2,700
GKN	968	Smith Nph	4,400
GRE	1,200	Smiths Inds	170
GUS	800	Sthern Elec	523
Gen Acc	1,300	Std Chartd	1,700
Gen Elec	3,400	TI Gp	238
Glaxo Well	2,500	Tate & Lyle	915
Granada	939	Tesco	11,700
Grand Met	2,200	Thames W	287
Guinness	4,800	Thorn	5,500
HSBC	1,600	Tomkins	1,500
Hanson	24,200	Unilever	1,500
ICI	1,500	Utd Utilities	666
Kingfisher	604	Utd News	1,600
LASMO	6,600	Vodafone	14,300
Ladbroke	4,000	Whitbread	630
Land Secs	991	Wllms Hld	4,000
Legal & Gn	123	Wolseley	873
Lloyds TSB	6,600	Zeneca	472

WALL STREET

	Sep 4 midday	Sep 3 close
AMP Inc	37½	37¾
AMR Corp	80¾	82
ASA	39½	39¾
AT & T	52½	52¾
Abbott Labs	45½	45¾
Advanced Micro	12½	12¾
Aetna Life	65¾	66
Ahmanson (HF)	25¾	25¾
Air Prod & Chem	54	53¾
AirTouch Comm	26½	27¼
Alberto-Culver B	41½	41
Albertson's	42½	42½
Alcan Alumnm	31¾	31½
Alco Standard	43½	43¾
Allied Signal	61½	61½
Alum Co of Am	63½	62½
Amax Gold Inc	6½	6¾
Amerada Hess	52½	52
Amer Brands	40¾	41
Amer El Pwer	40½	40½
Amer Express	43½	43½
Amer Genl Corp	36½	36½
Amer Home Pr	59	59
Amer Intl	94½	94½
Amer Stores	40½	40¾
Amer Standard	33½	33
Ameritech	51	51½
Amoco	69½	69¾
Anheuser-Busch	75½	75
Apple Computer	24½	24½
Archer Daniels	17½	17½
Armco	4½	4½
Armstrng Wrld	61½	61½
Asarco	26½	26½
Atl Richfield	119½	121½
Auto Data Pro	41½	41½
Avery Dennison	51½	51½
Avon Products	48	47½
Baker Hughes	30½	30½
Baltim Gas & El	25½	25½
Banc One	38½	38½
BankAmerica	77½	77½
Bank of NY	28½	28
Bankers Tr NY	77½	74½
Barnett Banks	66½	67½
Bausch & Lomb	32½	32½
Baxter Intl	43½	43½
Bectn Dickinsn	41½	41½
Bell Atlantic	56	55½
Bell Industries	16½	16½
BellSouth	36½	36½
Black & Decker	36½	36½
Block (H&R)	24½	24½
Boeing	91½	90½
Boise Cascade	34½	35
Bristol Myrs Sq	87½	87½
Browning Ferris	25½	25½
Brunswick	21½	20½
Burlington Nthn	79	79½
CMS Energy Corp	29½	29½
CNA Financial	99½	100
CPC Intl	68½	68½
CSX	49½	50
Campbell Soup	67	65½
Can Pacific	22½	22½
Carolina Pwr	34½	34½
Caterpillar	70½	69½
Central & SW	25½	26½
Champion Intl	43½	43½
Chase Manhat	74½	75½
Chevron Corp	58½	59½
Chrysler	28½	29½
Chubb Corp	44	44½
Ciena Corp	114	114½
Citicorp	83½	84
Clorox	92½	91
Coastal Corp	40½	40½
Coca Cola	49½	50½
Coca Cola Ent	39½	40
Colgate-Palmolive	80½	81½
Columbia Gas	56½	56
ColumbiaHCA	57½	57½
Compaq Comp	59½	59½
Comp Ass Intl	54	53½
ConAgra	42½	42½
Conrail	69½	69½
Cons Edison	28½	28½
Cons Nat Gas	55	55
Cooper Inds	40½	40½
CoreStates	41½	42
Corning Inc	36½	36½
Crown Cork	46½	46½
Dana Corp	29½	29½
Dayton Hudson	34½	34½
Deere	40	40½
Delta Air Lines	68½	68½
Deluxe Corp	37½	37½
Digital Equip	36½	37
Dillard Dept St	33½	33½
Disney (Walt)	56½	56½
Dominion Res	37½	37½
Donnelley (RR)	32½	32½
Dover Corp	43½	43½
Dow Chemical	76½	76½
Dow Jones	36½	36½
Dresser	29½	29½
Duke Power	46½	46½
Dun & Brdstreet	57½	57½
Du Pont	81	81½
Eastman Chem	55½	55½

	Sep 4 midday	Sep 3 close
Eastman Kodak	71½	72½
Eaton Corp	55½	56½
Edison Int	17	17½
Emerson Elec	84½	84½
Engelhard Corp	19½	19½
Enron Corp	40	40½
Entergy	25½	25½
Ethyl Corp	9	9
Exxon	83½	83½
FMC Corp	65½	64½
FPL Group	43½	43½
Federal Express	73½	74½
Fed Nat Mtge	31½	31½
First Bk Sys	63½	63½
First Union Rlty	6½	6½
Fleet Finl Grp	42½	42½
Fluor Corp	63½	63½
Ford Motor	33	33½
GTE Corp	38½	38½
Gannett	67	67½
Gap Inc Del	34½	34½
Gen Dynamics	63½	64½
Gen Electric	83½	84
Gen Mills	54½	55
Gen Motors	48½	49½
Gen Reinsurance	143½	144½
Gen Signal	40½	40½
Genuine Parts	42½	42½
Georgia Pac	75	74
Gillette	63½	64½
Glaxo Wellc ADR	26	26½
Goodrich (BF)	37½	37½
Goodyear Tire	45½	45½
Grace (W&R)	60½	60½
Gt Atl Pac Tea	26½	26½
Great Wstn Fin	24½	24½
Halliburton	53	52½
Harcourt General	48½	47½
Heinz (HJ)	34½	34½
Hercules	49½	49½
Hershey Foods	86½	87
Hewlett Packard	44½	44½
Hilton Hotels	105½	106½
Home Depot	53½	52½
Homestake Mng	16½	17
Honeywell	56½	56½
Household Intl	79½	76½
Houston Inds	21½	21½
Humana	19	18½
ITT Corp	55	53½
Illinois Tool	69½	69½
Illinova	25½	25½
INCO	32½	32½
Ingersoll Rand	42½	42½
Inland Steel	18½	18½
Intel Corp	91½	91½
IBM	115½	115½
Intl Flav & Fr	41½	41½
Intl Paper	40½	40½
James River Va	26½	25½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	49	49½
Kellogg	66½	66½
Kerr-McGee	59½	59½
Kimberly-Clark	78	78½
Kmart	10½	10½
Knight-Ridder	34	34½
Lilly (Eli)	59½	59½
Limited Inc	19½	19½
Lincoln Nat	43½	44½
Litton	46½	46½
Liz Claiborne	33½	33½
Lockheed Martin	84½	85
Louisiana Pac	22½	21½
MCI Comm	25½	25½
Marriott Int	53	54½
Marsh & McLnn	92½	92½
Masco Corp	29½	29½
May Dept St	46½	46½
Maytag Corp	19	19½
McDonalds	46½	46½
McDonnell D	50½	50
McGraw Hill	40½	40½
Mead Corp	56½	56
Medtronic	53½	54½
Mellon Bk	55½	55½
Melville Corp	42½	42½
Merck Inc	65½	65½
Merrill Lynch	61½	62
Microsoft	123½	123½
Minnesota Mnng	86½	86½
Mobil Corp	114½	115½
Monsanto	31½	31½
Morgan (JP)	86½	86½
Motorola Inc	53	51½
Natl Semi	17½	18
Natl Service Ind	38½	37½
Navistar Int	9½	9½
NY Times A	31½	31
Newmont Mng	54½	54½
Niag Mohawk	8½	8½
Nike B	108½	107½
NL Industries	10½	10½
Noram Energy	14½	14½
Nordstrom	39½	39½
Norfolk Sthrn	82½	83½
Nthn State Pwr	44½	44½
Norwest Corp	36½	37½
Nynex Corp	42½	42½
Occidental Pet	23½	23½
Ohio Edison	22½	22½

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Oracle	37½	37½
Oryx Energy Co	17½	17½
Overseas Ship	18½	18½
Owens Corning	36½	36½
PHH Corp	29½	29½
PPG Industries	49½	49½
PNC Bank	32	31½
PP&L Res	22½	22½
Paccar Inc	45½	45
Pacificorp	20	20
Pac Enterprises	30½	30½
Pac Gas & Elect	22½	23
Pac Telesis	32½	32½
Pall Corp	23½	23½
Parker Hannifin	38½	38
Peco Energy	23½	23½
Penney (JC)	53½	53½
Pennzoil	53½	54½
Pepsico	28½	28½
Pfizer	71½	71½
Pharm & Upjhn	42	42
Phelps Dodge	60½	60½
Philip Morris	90½	89½
Phillips Pet	40½	41
Pitney Bowes	48½	48½
Polaroid	42½	42½
PriceCostco	20½	20½
Procter & Gmbl	88½	88
Providian	41½	41½
Pub Serv E & G	27½	27½
Quaker Oats	33½	33½
Ralston Purina	62½	62½
Raychem Corp	67½	68½
Raytheon	51½	52½
Reebok Intl	35½	35½
Reynolds Metals	54½	54
Rockwell Intl	51½	51½
Rohm & Haas	62½	62½
Royal Dutch	154½	152½
Rubbermaid	23½	26½
SBC Comms	49½	49½
Safeco Corp	32½	33½
St Paul's Cos	51	51½
Salomon Inc	45	45½
Sara Lee Corp	32½	31½
Schering Plough	56½	55½
Schlumberger	85	86
Seagram	37	37
Sears Roebuck	44½	43½
Shell Trans	88½	87½
Sherwin Wllms	43½	47½
Skyline Corp	25½	25½
Snap-On-Tools	46½	46½
Southern Co	22½	22½
Sprint Corp	39½	40
Stanley Works	27½	27
Sun Company	23½	24
Sun Microsys	54½	54½
Suntrust	38½	38½
Supervalu	28½	28½
Sysco Corp	32½	32½
TRW Inc	92½	91½
TCC Inds	1½	1½
Tandem Comp	10½	10½
Tandy Corp	42½	41½
Temple Inland	47½	48½
Tenneco	50½	49½
Texaco	91½	91½
Texas Inst	45½	45½
Texas Utilities	40½	40½
Textron	85½	85½
Time Warner	32½	33
Times-Mirror A	44	44
Timken	37½	38
Torchmark	42½	42½
Toys R Us	29½	29½
Transamerica	68½	68½
Travelers	47½	46½
Tribune	71½	71½
Tyco Int	42½	42½
UST Inc	29½	29½
UAL	46½	47
US Inds	25½	26
US West Comm	28½	28½
USX Marathon	21½	21½
Unicom	23½	23½
Unilever NV	140½	141½
Union Camp	48½	48½
Union Carbide	43½	43
Union Pacific	71½	72½
Unisys Corp	6½	6
USAir Group	17½	17½
USF&G Corp	16½	16½
US Life	29½	29½
United Tech	112½	112
Unocal Corp	35	35½
VF Corp	59	59½
WMX Tech	32½	32
Wal-Mart Stores	26½	26½
Warner-Lambert	59½	60½
Wells Fargo	251½	252½
Westinghouse El	16½	16½
Weyerhaeuser	45½	44½
Whirlpool	49½	49½
Whitman	21½	21½
Winn Dixie	34	34½
Woolworth	21	21½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	53½	54
Xerox	55½	55½
Yellow Corp	13½	13½

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Vase-dropping at Waterford

WATERFORD Wedgwood could soon be waving goodbye to its logo, the blue and white Portland vase. In a desperate effort to double the size and treble the profits of the crystal and ceramics business, design consultants have been called in to "modernise" the historical trademark that started out as an Alexandrian cased-glass vase which Josiah Wedgwood acquired in 1785 after the death of the Duchess of Portland. Brian Patterson, chief executive, said: "We are still wrestling with whether to or not. You do it at your peril. It might only confuse people."

Lutine echoes

ANTHONY NELSON, Minister of State for the Department of Trade and Industry, was sounding off at the ringing of the Lutine Bell yesterday in celebration of Lloyd's £3.2 billion rescue plan. Nelson was not slow to tell David Rowland, Lloyd's chairman and chief bellringer, that the last person to ring the bell was John Major as Chancellor of the Exchequer in 1990. Major rang the bell twice, the traditional signal for good news, to mark the Freedom of Financial Services. Rowland rang it three times, however, to mark the important stage in the insurance house's arduous journey. It shows that you have to be able to count, said Nelson, pointing out what happened to the last man to ring the bell.

"I still think he should have rung it once, for a disaster."

Irish ayes

JOHN BURK, Bristol & West's chief executive, was reminiscing at yesterday's results meeting about the takeover talks with the Bank of Ireland earlier this year. It was while booking his Irish cohorts into the Hilton at Heathrow that Burk realised what the two finance houses have in common. Burk's team included Ian Kennedy, group operations director, Kevin Flanagan, group services director and Jeff Warren, deputy chief executive, who all have Irish passports.

Airbus homes in

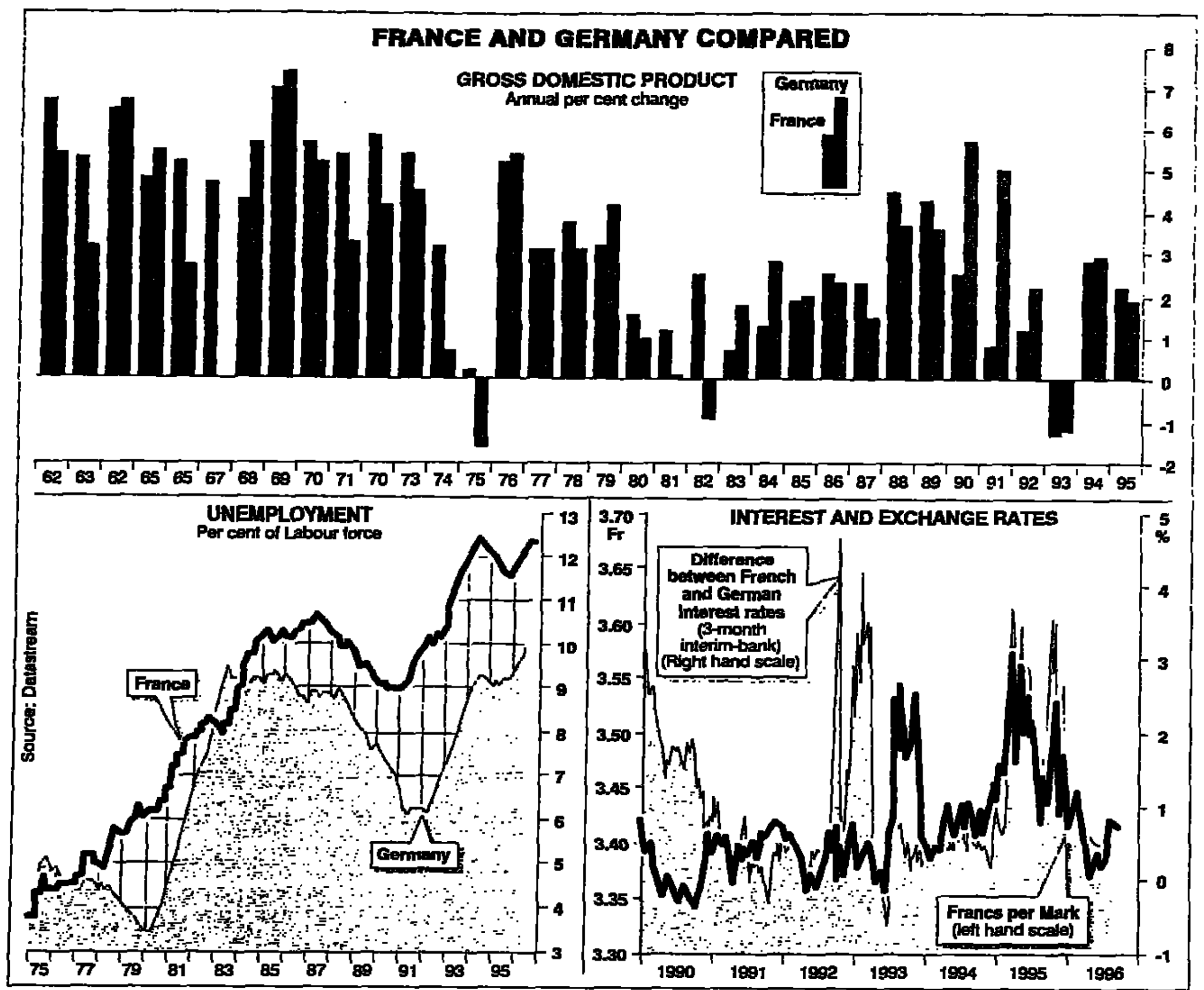
AIRBUS is poised to launch its first commercial for what must be the most expensive item ever to be advertised on television — an Airbus A340, at £73 million. Even though the European plane consortium has nothing to sell the invidual passenger, Airbus is spending £15 million on the advertising campaign. Bob Alizart, Airbus vice-president, said: "Our main target is the airlines, but we want to advertise to the customers of our customers, and that means everyone."

WETHERSPOON, the brewery and restaurant group, delayed its results meeting yesterday after continual interruption from a British Rail safety announcement. But when the company decided to hold its meeting upstairs in Hamilton Hall, the Liverpool Street Station pub, Tim Martin, chief executive, was drowned out by the sound of pints being pulled.

ECONOMIC VIEW ANATOLE KALETSKY

Why France looks like a better bet than Germany

Gallic growth prospects are good although the economy is in need of a cheaper franc



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Yesterday the French Government forlornly revealed that its country's gross domestic product had fallen 0.4 per cent in the second quarter and revised downwards its estimate of growth in the quarter before. This morning the German Government will boast of a sharp rebound in its economy, reporting growth in the second quarter of 1 per cent or more.

These two announcements seem to epitomise the contrast between the sad state of France and the happier fortunes of its big next-door neighbour. That, certainly, is the way investors are reading the economic runes. After yesterday's GDP figures, the struggling French currency was back near the crisis level of Fr3.43 to the mark. And according to John Lomax, European equity strategist at Merrill Lynch, the firm's regular survey of European fund managers now shows a record preference for German shares over those in France.

The contrasting conditions in Germany and France are not just a matter for economists, businessmen and investors. Euro-sceptics in Britain, ever-hopeful that the Maastricht plan for monetary union might yet collapse under the weight of its own contradictions, also have good reasons to take a keen interest in the plight of France. For if there is one thing that could still prevent Europe from plunging into a single currency, it would be a marked divergence in the economic needs of Germany and France.

But much as my heart goes out to the Euro-sceptics who want to see France punished beyond endurance for its fanatical commitment to Maastricht, my head tells me that this is probably a forlorn hope.

The idea that this week's GDP figures mark a major divergence between Germany and France is simply another example of the ludicrous short-sightedness that sometimes afflicts financial economists. While it is true that the two economies moved in opposite directions in the second quarter, both changes were largely statistical aberrations.

The 0.4 per cent shrinkage of the French economy in second quarter was largely a payback for an exaggerated growth rate of 1.1 per cent reported the quarter before. In Germany this situation was exactly reversed: the growth of 1 per cent to "be reported this morning is greatly exaggerated by a weather-related slump in the first quarter, when Germany reported a GDP decline of 0.4 per cent. Taking the two quarters together, growth in both countries has been almost identical — and the same has been true of growth over the past four quarters, taken as a whole.

Recent indicators on industrial production, consumer spending, car sales and unemployment broadly confirm that the two economies are creeping along at roughly the same pace. It is only in the surveys of business confidence that we see a marked contrast between the two countries, with German industrialists becoming increasingly bullish, while the French pile on the gloom.

These surveys, however, have to be treated with scepticism. First, their forecasting record is not very impressive. Last summer, the German surveys showed similarly high levels of bullishness and were quickly followed by a slump. Secondly, there seems to be a lacuna in the Germans' understanding of the global economy which makes businessmen prone to overestimate the resilience of their companies to the damage from a strong currency — much as the Japanese did before 1991.

To judge by last month's sharp cut in interest rates, the Bundesbank may be starting to shake off this complacency. But, as America and Britain discovered in the 1980s and Japan is rediscovering now, the industrial damage done by an uncompetitive exchange rate can persist for many years, if not decades, after a central bank realises that its currency is too hard.

Making due allowances, therefore, for the Germans' inborn complacency (to say nothing of the querulousness of the French), there seems to be little to choose between economic conditions today in Germany and France. But what of the future?

Looking further ahead, there are several reasons to expect that France will grow faster than Germany in the long-term future — as it usually did before the mid-1980s (see top chart).

First and foremost there is the simple fact that France is not burdened with anything like the same cost disadvantage as Germany. Average hourly labour costs, including social charges, holiday and sanitarium payments and other bonuses, are 75 per cent higher in Germany than they are in America. In France labour costs are only about 10 per cent above the American level. (Britain's costs are roughly 15 per cent below America's, according to the Swedish Employers' Confederation survey on which these calculations are based.)

Compounding Germany's lack of competitiveness, there is the burden of the East. Reunification sharply reduced Germany's average productivity. But there was no commensurate reduction in labour costs because of the unions' insistence on rapidly equalising wages between East and West.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly in the long-run, France has a more advanced industrial structure than Germany. By this I mean that the proportion of output and employment derived from the service sector is much higher in France than it is in Germany. In France, services account for 70 per cent of total employment and value added, very similar to the level in America, Britain, Benelux, Scandinavia and other advanced economies. In Germany, the corresponding figures are only about 60 per cent. The manufacturing sector, by contrast, accounts for 30 per cent of output in Germany, compared with only 20 per cent in France and other advanced countries. France, in other words, has already managed the transition from an industrial to a post-industrial economy. For Germany this wrenching process still lies ahead.

The only other major economy with an industrial structure similar to Germany's is Japan — and therein perhaps lies the secret of the persistent trade surpluses recorded by both these countries even when their labour costs and exchange rates have become apparently uncompetitive.

A large part of German and Japanese exports probably reflects the vast investments in manufacturing undertaken in the past and now treated by their owners largely as "sunk costs". Because capital is a much bigger element than labour in many industries' processes, the German ascendancy in many export industries is bound to persist for years, and perhaps even decades, after the overvalued mark has made it unprofitable to site new factories in Germany — or to develop the new "knowledge-based" industries, which can generate high-quality employment and are less susceptible than manufacturing to Third World competition but have a high component of labour costs.

Comparisons of international costs have their biggest impact not on current production, but on marginal decisions about new investment. This means that the full effects of shifts in exchange rates do not become apparent in trade statistics and economic growth rates for many years. The financial economists who point to German and Japanese trade surpluses as proof that the mark and the yen are not overvalued seem totally oblivious to this argument. But that is a subject for another column. For the moment let me return briefly to the outlook for France.

France, in contrast to Germany, does not need to pay for the reconstruction of an entire ex-Communist country or to rebuild an entire industrial structure. All it needs is a sensible monetary policy and a cheaper currency, geared to the interests of the French economy. One way or another I suspect the French will soon start to get this. The only question is how France will get the policy it needs: by persuading the Germans to co-operate with a growth-oriented monetary union, or by bringing the whole EMU project crashing down.

Accountancy's moment of truth

Middle-sized firms are having to settle for less, says **Robert Bruce**

Today the last of the FT-SE 100 companies not to be audited by a "Big Six" firm will announce that it is shifting its audit work. Smiths Industries has been audited by Clark Whitehill since 1922. At its next annual meeting in November it will ask shareholders to approve Price Waterhouse as joint auditors for the coming year, and sole auditors from July next year.

The writing has long been on the wall for medium-sized accountancy. But today's news is the end of an era — the UK's middle market of audit firms will now have to focus on their own clearly-defined market of owner-managed businesses, growing companies and niche markets.

For Alan Thomson, finance director of Smiths Industries, the move was inevitable. "More than 50 per cent of our sales are now outside the UK and while Clark Whitehill is a very good firm indeed they couldn't handle the international work," he said. "As a result they were auditing less than 50 per cent of the company and it made sense for us to have one firm which could operate internationally, and handle work like the investigation processes for acquisitions overseas . . ."

Clark Whitehill is phlegmatic about the change. Hugh Butterworth, the senior partner, said: "We always knew our big clients were at risk unless we became an international firm." But Clark Whitehill, like many other accountancy firms in the

Thomson: "move was inevitable"

in the process lose its independence and identity, or it simply preferred to build a place in a much smaller market place. This latter strategy probably grew through osmosis as the reality of what used to be seen as a sustainable place in the big time dwindled away.

themselves. Their costs have grown hugely and all the costs of their liability problems are being passed on to clients." Finance directors squeeze audit fees. Auditors do less work. Finance directors see the audit as less important. The fees and the work spiral downwards.

Mr Thomson said: "We complain about the audit fees. The firms then cut the fees and so have to cut their services. Firms find it hard to look at all the things they did some years ago and so they just do what amounts to a balance-sheet audit." The result is that many companies now have to do some of that audit and control work themselves.

For the middle market of accountancy firms it is a moment of truth. On the most recent figures the largest firm in the middle market, Grant Thornton, had annual fees of £120 million. The most recent annual fees figure of the smallest of the Big Six, Deloitte & Touche, was £337 million. Now the middle-market firms are scrambling for business. Adrian Martin, managing partner of BDO Stoy Hayward, said: "Everyone will now have to focus on the real issues." But the firms, in the words of Mr Martin, "need to differentiate themselves".

In the past they tended to differentiate from the Big Six firms by emphasising closer partner contact, for example. Trying to convince the market they are different from each other will be harder.

Insurers face shake-up if merger fails

Marianne Curphey on threats to the proposed Refuge/United Friendly deal

The proposed £1.4 billion merger of Refuge Assurance and United Friendly hangs in the balance. Big shareholders in both companies have voiced concern about the deal, and threatened to vote against it at a joint EGM on Monday.

Such is the dispute over the terms that Refuge yesterday proposed to open and adjourn the EGM until September 26 to give shareholders time to consider the improved deal.

The focus of most of the discontent has been the ordinary branch inherited estate.

Some institutional shareholders estimate that £400 million worth of this surplus belongs to Refuge shareholders, and claim that the terms of the proposed merger do not take this into account.

Since the two companies last month announced their intentions to merge, the deal has come in for stinging criticism, particularly from Refuge shareholders.

Leading opposition is Perpetual, the fund manager. Neil Woodford, its senior investment manager, has said that he intends to vote against the deal, which would create a new insurer, United Assurance.

> ❛Perpetual says the deal was put together in haste❜

The Prudential, with 6 per cent of Refuge, and Britannic, the largest Refuge shareholder, with 10 per cent, both had reservations. However, the improved offer is believed to have won them round.

First Marathon (UK) Ltd, the British unit of the Canadian investment company, however, wants to go further than the compromise being offered.

There has been speculation in the City that Britannic may launch its own takeover bid for Refuge. Certainly, if the deal falls through, it will have to consider its own position in a fast-changing insurance market.

However, analysts believe that Britannic is unlikely to act until it has clarified the amount of surplus "orphan" assets in its life fund that can be redistributed to shareholders. This involves long discussions with the Department of Trade and Industry. A DTI decision can take up to 18 months.

The prospect of redistributions among life companies has pushed up their net asset value. The City believes that until the DTI decides what proportion of Britannic's orphan assets belong to shareholders, it will be extremely hard to make any accurate assessment of the value of its shares, and thus the terms on which a merger or a takeover by Britannic could be decided.

Furthermore, hostile bids are rare in the insurance home service industry — to which Refuge, Britannic and United Friendly, belong. Some observers doubt the wisdom of Britannic acquiring a similar company, arguing that it would be wiser to try to buy a small building society and build up a banking arm.

If shareholders block the merger, United Friendly and Refuge will be vulnerable to hostile bids, having admitted not seeing long-term futures as independent companies. United Friendly would be a harder target. A large proportion of its voting shares are held by the founding families, who favour the merger.

Should the deal collapse, insurers big enough to swallow either company include Prudential, CIS (the Co-op insurance arm), the Pearl, and Britannic. Prudential has plenty of cash, but has already signalled that it intends to move away from home service and into banking.

CIS, still a mutual, would face problems convincing its members of the merits of demutualising, but the Pearl's interest in making an acquisition cannot be ruled out since it has the financial strength and has sorted out the issue of its orphan assets.

Of quoted smaller companies that might consider a merger, only London & Manchester seems a likely candidate. There are mutuals that might fit the culture of either Refuge or United Friendly, but demutualisation would delay any move by at least a year.

Meanwhile, Perpetual's Mr Woodford says the merger has been put together in haste and undervalues Refuge by almost £400 million.

John Cudworth, Refuge chief executive, says that the deal has valued Refuge exactly right. He says that he has spent 18 months talking to the DTI about orphan assets and six months negotiating merger terms.

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New jobs as JCB expands in Wales

Up to 300 new jobs will be created at Wrexham, North Wales, with JCB Transmission's £38 million expansion at its axle and gearbox plant. The company's workforce will be doubled.

JCB set up in Wrexham in 1978 and has displayed a commitment to the town by extending production twice during the 1980s.

Joint venture

Sherwood International, the financial services software producer, has joined forces with Oracle Corporation to produce Amarta, its new pension software program. Sherwood's pre-tax profit was 15 per cent ahead at £705,000 in the half year to June 30. The dividend is 1.5p (1.25p), payable on October 28.

Stadium up

In the first results since its March flotation, Stadium, the electronics and plastics maker, reported pre-tax profits of £2.19 million (£2.11 million). Underlying sales were stagnant at £19.8 million. Stadium said that it remained confident of meeting its pre-tax profit forecast of £4.7 million for the full year. A maiden interim dividend of 1p will be paid on October 10. The shares lost 4p to 123½p.

Beattie better

James Beattie, the department stores group with nine outlets in the Midlands, lifted pre-tax profits to £1.6 million from £1.43 million in the half year to July 31 on higher sales of £41.7 million (£37.2 million). Earnings were 2.6p (1.8p) a share. The interim dividend is 1.75p a share, up from 1.6p.

Payout rises

Datrontech, the distributor of computer products, has increased the interim dividend 11 per cent to 2.1p a share after reporting a rise in profits to £3.7 million before tax from £2.9 million in the six months to June 30. Earnings were 7.2p a share, up from 6.1p last time.

MARTIN BEDDALL

Mark McQuater, left, managing director, Tim Martin, centre, and Richard Pennycook, finance director, are bullish about group trading prospects

CRH builds up with deal in New England

FROM EILEEN MCCABE IN DUBLIN

CRH, the Irish building materials group, yesterday became one of the largest players in the New England construction materials business with the Ir£203 million purchase of Tilcon from BTR, the British industrial group.

The purchase was CRH's biggest acquisition and came on the day it announced a 13 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to Ir£68.9 million in the half year to the end of June.

Under the deal, CRH acquired all of Tilcon's issued share capital for Ir£135.8 million and assumed the company's net debt at the end of August 1995 of about Ir£67.3 million, raising the total purchase cost to Ir£203.1 million. CRH hopes to raise Ir£30.9 million from the disposal of assets as a result of a pre-merger order by the US Justice Department and the sale of two non-core businesses.

Tilcon is one of the largest construction material groups in the northeast US, with 60 operations in nine states, including quarries, asphalt and ready-mixed concrete plants.

In 1995, it reported pre-tax profits of Ir£17.2 million on sales of Ir£227.8 million.

Don Godson, CRH chief executive, said the acquisition would provide significant opportunity for cost-saving synergies with CRH's established operations in the region.

He added that the Ir£101 million that CRH raised yesterday through the placing of 17.94 million shares would be used to finance more acquisitions this year. "We see further opportunities in Europe, the US and other developing regions," he said. "The placing will allow us to go after them."

CRH entered the US market in 1979 and now has operations in 40 states. When the Tilcon businesses are fully integrated, CRH will be one of the leading construction material groups in the US. In the half year to the end of June, CRH Irish operations reported a 32 per cent jump in trading profits to Ir£22 million largely because of the buoyancy of the construction sector.

But continued weakness in the building sector in Britain and Northern Ireland, coupled with severe weather in the early part of the year, resulted in a decline in margins in that area.

Earnings per share rose 9 per cent to Ir13.95p. The interim dividend of Ir3.08p, up 12 per cent, is due to be paid on November 8.

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Wetherspoon toasts 61% leap in profits

SHARES of J D Wetherspoon, the retail pubs company, jumped 35p to 982½p yesterday after the company issued a bullish trading statement and unveiled a 61 per cent rise in full-year profits.

Tim Martin, chairman, said that beer sales had continued to rise in August with like-for-like sales 3 per cent higher than in the same period last year. Full-year profits were £13.1 million, while turnover increased 47 per cent to £100 million. The total dividend was lifted 13 per cent to 9p. A final dividend of 5.9p is payable on November 20.

Analysts raised profit forecasts for this year about 10 per cent. The company, which has 146 pubs, specialises in large real ale venues, without music, and has been busily expanding from its London base.

Bristol & West spends £4m so far on merger

BY ROBERT MILLER

BRISTOL & West Building Society has spent £4.1 million so far on its proposed merger with the Bank of Ireland. The costs of the agreed deal represent only the initial part of the transaction up to June 30. The takeover is due to be completed by spring of next year.

Unveiling a 23 per cent rise in half-year pre-tax profits to £45 million, Bristol & West said administrative expenses had also risen in the first half to £45.4 million from £40.6 million. This was because of an extensive television advertising campaign and investment in computer system updates.

Bristol & West reported gross mortgage lending up 54 per cent to £696 million. Net lending of £261 was double last year's figure. The important cost-to-income ratio fell to 43.9 per cent (51.6 per cent).

NatWest staff to be balloted

NATWEST Staff Association is to ballot members of the bank's life and investment arm on industrial action after NatWest imposed tough sales targets on more than 1,000 people (Robert Miller writes).

The 40,000-strong staff union said 70 per cent of the salesforce were unlikely to achieve their 1997 targets and as a result could see their annual salaries fall by up to £4,000.

Strong & Fisher given lift by BSE cattle cull

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

THE BSE cattle cull has boosted profits at Strong & Fisher, the leather and sheepskin processing group. But the company remains concerned over the long-term future of the rendering industry because of safety doubts about many traditional products.

Profits for the six months to June 30 rose 73.5 per cent, to £1.98 million, on a reduced turnover of £50 million. Michael Teacher, chairman, said that the initial BSE scare prompted a collapse in sales in its by-products division but that the government-sponsored cull has ensured that plants have been running at high capacity since early May.

The company is aiming to move to the Alternative Investment Market before the end of the year. Shares closed unchanged at 13p, while the interim dividend was maintained at 0.2p.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

UK disclosure rules help foreign rivals

FINANCIAL reporting requirements have been blamed for putting UK companies at a competitive disadvantage compared with other European companies. A survey by Deloitte & Touche, the business advisory firm, says the most significant cost of providing disclosure of information in the UK "is publishing information that is useful to competitors".

The survey of European reporting practices indicates clearly, says the firm, "that the quality of disclosures required of UK companies is far higher than that of our European partners". The survey showed that there was no category of disclosure in which the UK fell behind Germany, for example. Martin Scicluna, Deloitte & Touche chairman, said: "We should encourage other countries to bring their standards of financial reporting up to our own level, rather than reverse the move towards full and clear disclosure which helps maintain London as Europe's leading financial centre."

Epic trims losses

EPIC Multimedia, the multimedia production company, yesterday reported reduced losses of £1.9 million for the year to May 31, compared with £2.5 million in 1995. The company said losses were well within expectations and resulted from writing off investment expenses in new titles as they occurred. Turnover increased by 43 per cent to £4.2 million. Shares in the company, which floated in May at 105p, closed up 1p yesterday at 91½p.

Manders to shed staff

MANDERS, the printing inks and coatings company, expects to take a restructuring charge of about £1 million in the second half and cut up to 100 jobs after seeing interim pre-tax profits slide from £5.5 million to £2.56 million. The company said trading conditions were depressed in the first half while competition intensified. Turnover dropped 4 per cent to £74 million, while earnings per share dropped from 9.07p to 8.04p. The interim dividend will be held at 3.1p.

Life Sciences splitting

LIFE SCIENCES INTERNATIONAL, the laboratory equipment maker chaired by Sir Christopher Bland, has split itself into four market groups: laboratory, clinical and industrial products, and biotechnology. Each is responsible for its own R&D, manufacturing and sales. The move came as the group reported pre-tax profits of £12.4 million, up 17 per cent, in the half year to June 30, on sales of £114.7 million, up 25 per cent. The interim dividend, paid on November 8, stays at 1.6p.

Brammer record rise

BRAMMER, the Altrincham engineering group aiming to become the first pan-European spare parts supplier, achieved record first-half results. Group sales were £103 million, 15 per cent ahead of last time. Increased margins helped pre-tax profits to grow 26 per cent to £12.8 million, helped by a £968,000 contribution from its Spanish acquisition, Rodamientos USA. Earnings were 18.5p per share (14.7p). An interim dividend of 5.25p (4.75p) will be paid on November 11.

Reuters in French deal

REUTERS, the financial information and trading group, yesterday purchased 75 per cent of Distal, a privately held French company that provides electronic healthcare information to doctors. The purchase price was not disclosed but was "not material" in the context of Reuters's net assets. Distal sells software which is used by some 6,000 French doctors to record information about patients. It has also developed a system allowing remote access to medical files in cases of emergency.

ACCOUNTANCY

In pursuit of better auditing

Richard Bint on a booklet offering help in ensuring that a high level of quality is top of the agenda

This week sees the publication by the audit faculty of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales of the revised version of its booklet, *Towards Better Auditing* (TBA), first published three years ago. Those three years have been as eventful as any in the profession's history and corporate failures, litigation and the gathering of momentum of regulation have all ensured that the booklet's subject matter, quality, and how to ensure it is built into a firm's audit work is at the top of the profession's agenda.

Ensuring a uniformly high level of quality on every audit is difficult because it is a professional service performed by potentially fallible human beings. Furthermore, every audit is unique. The presumption underlying TBA is that just about the whole management and organisation of an audit has to be designed with achievement of this quality objective in mind and the booklet offers practical guidance relevant to firms of all sizes in this respect.

As the original booklet was based unashamedly on the best practice at the time of a range of leading firms it is not surprising that the updated version reflects the preoccupations and concerns of firms of auditors over the past three years.

The revised booklet reflects the increasing attention paid by firms to developing the personal qualities required by an auditor. Many of the corporate failures of the past few years have reinforced the paramount importance of auditors maintaining an independent state of mind, remaining robust in the face of external pressure, and maintaining an attitude of professional scepticism and diligence in the execution of audit work at all times.

The booklet recognises the need to put in place procedures to prevent inadvertent acceptance of commercial risk without reward. One area where new internal procedures have been put in place is the requirement for "release letters" to be signed by third parties and their accountants before the audit firm will permit examination of its audit files for such purposes as pre-acquisition due diligence, and for partners and staff to follow laid-down procedures in respect of giving even oral representations to third parties.

Richard Bint says there is no room for complacency in auditing

A new chapter, Could There Be A Fraud?, reflects the determination of the faculty and the auditing profession generally to play an active role in combatting fraud. The main recommendation is essentially to "think fraud" — recognise that it is different from error, the other main enemy, in that the fraudster will attempt to deliberately mislead. Consider the feasibility of fraud in each audit engagement by thinking of what material acts could be possible with each particular client.

Another area of concern to firms in recent years is client acceptance and retention. Most firms will have had clients which, in retrospect, they wish they had never taken on. Such clients have often resulted in a bad debt, a damaged reputation, and possibly a lawsuit.

Recent years have seen firms carefully considering potential new clients and declining to accept some appointments. The booklet gives guidance on best practice in these areas. If the potential client is especially high-risk in terms of the nature of its business, particularly if it is in financial services, the directors have an unfortunate track record, or there is any reason to doubt their integrity, appointment will often be declined.

The decision to retain a client should be formally reconsidered on an annual basis. It may be relatively easy to decide whether to retain a multinational blue chip company as a client, but in cases where concerns have emerged over the integrity of directors, their attitude, or the open relationship required with auditors, as well as commercial concerns or other criteria set out in the booklet, it is not uncommon for the firm not to continue to act.

The aim is for "built-in quality". There is no room for complacency in auditing and firms of all sizes are constantly striving to improve. The faculty hopes that its updated booklet will be a useful part of that process.

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Hidden costs of dash to be truly global

ROBERT BRUCE

ANY day now the partners of Andersen Worldwide will receive the papers detailing the plans for the future structure of the firm. These days it styles itself "the leading provider of professional business advisory services in the world, with over 89,000 people in more than 76 countries". And that can be as much of a problem as an advantage.

The trigger for Andersen's need for restructuring is rivalry between its constituent parts. But the real reasons are wider and affect everyone. The whole business advisory world has changed beyond all recognition. And the reason it has changed is simply one of technology. Keith Burgess, who heads up Andersen Consulting worldwide, has an endearing habit of insisting that his office is his briefcase. Head office is where he and his laptop are currently stationed.

This type of change of attitude is having an enormous effect on the way that business is carried out and on the quality of that business. If you are going to claim, as the Big Six accounting firms do, that you are a global firm then senior partners need to keep travelling to show their faces in far-off places. It is time-consuming and it is costly. As one senior Big Six man put it to me, "the travel costs of a senior partner are close to the gross domestic product of a small country".

Meanwhile, further down the ladder the operational partners and managers are bouncing round the world as well. Global firms integrate their disciplines. If you have a worldwide consulting practice you are just as likely to have to be in Houston as in Huddersfield or Hanoi.

Theoretically, better communications should mean less travel. But this, like the paperless office, has turned out to be nonsense. Partly this is because of the macho nature of the work. Really effective work could be carried out quietly from a London office. But the noisy business of racketing round the world's airports gets you noticed. The client may not get a better job done. But the partner's career prospects will be soaring. A few weeks ago at a Big Six firm I heard one partner leaving a meeting with a cheery "see you next week". The reply from inside was "not unless you are in Islamabad you won't". The point was made. You may be in London next week but I am not. I'm off getting new business round the globe.

The other result of this chaotic way of working has been the loss of offices as they were traditionally understood. When you visit a senior person at a Big Six firm these days you find that they aren't sure of the location of the room for the meeting. And when you do find it there will be cartons of files on the shelves, a flip chart by the window and a socket for the laptop. This is hot-desking, a process disguised by much jargon within the firms. It is disorientating for staff but stunningly efficient for the firm. In London, Coopers & Lybrand found they needed around 1,000 fewer desk spaces when they introduced the system. When that translates through to the bottom line it means one office block less.

But there is a hidden agenda here. As one manager said to me rather wistfully "there is nowhere to put the family pictures anymore". If he said that in public he would be accused of being a wimp. But it is important. Within the large firms quite ordinary staff work staggering hours, travel huge distances and spend very little time — and then in a state of exhaustion — with what makes up their other, private, life. This means that life is a never-ending round of impersonal projects, carried out in an unbelievably competitive environment while in a state of near physical exhaustion.

Apart from very senior partners who would never let on, I do not know anyone on this circuit who is not intending to get out as soon as they can. They probably won't all do it. Too much of their personal identities will have become intertwined with the status of long hours and global responsibilities. But they will be doing a job that they do not want to do. And in the end that damages everyone involved.

So there is a flight from the life that the Big Six see as essential. People are thinking of retirement from 40 onwards. The lack of experience and the wisdom derived from experience that the big advisory firms have been so short of in recent years is going to dwindle further.

The real result of such events as Andersen's restructuring is a growing number of independent consultants, pockets of gathered wisdom, all recuperating and working to their own goals. Paradoxically the drive towards "truly" global business is shifting the real skills and expertise to people who are happier keeping their laptop at home.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

VAT victory for aviator

COOPERS & LYBRAND'S intrepid aviator partner, John Fisher, is now five days into his attempt to beat the record for flying a Tiger Moth from London to Sydney. Currently he should be somewhere over the Aegean Sea in spite of being struck by lightning earlier in the week. But he could have been struck by something even more drastic before he took off. Customs and Excise threatened the whole enterprise. Fisher is an Australian and his plane arrived in a huge container of bits and was reassembled here. The VATmen decided that this meant that they could levy some £9,000 in tax that would have wiped out the money the flight is raising for cancer charities. Only deft work by Coopers VAT experts averted disaster and allowed Fisher to vanish into the wide blue yonder.

Nice earner

MEANWHILE the Revenue has spotted a nice little earner if Ernst & Young's calculations are to be believed. Forget about VAT shortfalls. Self-assessment will bring in the goods. In the Revenue's pilot trial of the new system more than 20 per cent of the volunteer taxpayers failed to meet the deadline. "If the same percentage of the whole population defaulted," says Ernst & Young partner Phil Davis, his fingers a blur over a calculator, "there will be 1.8 million returns outstanding on January 31, 1998." At £100 a throw that means £180 million of automatic penalties.

Back at work

IN SPITE of having retired from being technical director of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales in a flurry of farewell presents of cricket and cookery books last week Bruce Picking is back. The £100,000 salary on offer for his post has attracted no one the institute cares to appoint and Picking is filling the gap three days a week on fat consulting fees.

ROBERT BRUCE

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UK Growth Inc	299.20	318.30	- 1.80	
Higher Inc Acc	798.20	849.20	- 5.00	4.29
Higher Inc Inc	435.50	463.30	- 2.80	4.29
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	210.30	222.00†	- 0.10	5.87
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	92.07	97.24†	- 0.02	5.87
Nth America	363.10	386.30	- 2.00	
Europe	354.90	377.60	+ 1.20	0.47
Brit Excell	91.41	97.25	- 0.48	2.92
Brit Fndmtls Acc	114.60	122.00	- 0.80	4.82
Brit Fndmtls Inc	78.51	83.53	+ 0.44	4.82
Global Opps	102.40	109.00	- 0.10	0.13
Balanced Acc	62.98	67.00	+ 0.16	2.81
Balanced Inc	59.57	63.38	+ 0.15	2.81
Japan Acc	44.44	47.28	- 0.16	
Pac Basin Acc	396.90	422.30	+ 0.60	1.00
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
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Gilts & Fixed Int	129.20	136.10†		7.17
High Inc Equity	182.90	195.60	+ 0.70	4.41
Worldwide Bond	283.70	300.30†	+ 0.10	4.90
American Growth	363.10	386.50	+ 0.20	0.32
Asian Pacific	320.90	343.20	+ 2.50	0.04
Assets & Earnings	307.10	328.40	+ 1.30	2.75
Euro Capital Acc	182.30	195.00	+ 0.30	0.81
Extra Inc	43.63	46.41†	- 0.11	7.72
General	279.80	297.70†	+ 1.20	2.95
Global Opps	67.80	72.13	- 0.04	0.56
Japan	115.90	124.00	- 0.20	
Managed Inc	48.10	51.17†	+ 0.11	4.69
Mysterious	166.70	178.30	+ 0.20	1.00
US Emerging Cos	205.30	219.40	- 1.60	
Ethical	81.86	87.09	+ 0.01	2.49
International	135.80	144.50		0.30
Dividend & Growth	68.76	72.51	+ 0.28	4.23
Global Gwth & Soc	73.09	78.10	- 0.04	2.34
Latin America	63.40	67.45	- 0.50	
Capital Reserve	145.20	145.30		4.82
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Amer Inc & Growth	57.96	60.18	+ 0.11	0.50
Emerging Mkts	71.57	75.49	- 0.44	0.04
European	151.20	157.30	- 0.10	
Exempt	1098.00	1168.00	- 3.00	1.59
Extra Income #	45.70	48.98†	+ 0.07	6.64
Far East Emg Ecn	129.20	135.70	- 0.80	0.46
Fixed Interest #	25.14	26.14†	+ 0.04	9.09
Fund Inv Tst	151.20	158.70		9.67
Japan	177.40	184.40†	- 0.40	
Latin American	59.25	61.80†	- 0.38	0.79
Pacific	83.48	87.66	- 0.39	0.30
Property Share	71.51	75.06	+ 0.17	2.31

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Fixed Int Inc			- 0.04	9.14
Fixed Int Acc		228.68	- 0.07	
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Emerging Markets	56.58	60.01†	- 0.26	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
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American Gwth	77.99	82.96	- 0.22	
Dragon Growth	71.56	76.80	+ 0.25	0.48
Equity High Inc	88.46	94.83†	- 0.48	4.11
-do- Accum	129.05	137.34	+ 0.70	4.11
Extra Income Inc	26.24	27.62	- 0.02	7.62
Extra Income Acc	28.45	29.95	- 0.02	7.62
European Gwth		65.07	+ 0.23	1.02
Evergreen	31.88	34.07	- 0.10	
General Equity	103.49	109.50	- 0.62	2.94
Japan Growth	45.77	51.94	0.03	
Pedigree Gwth	64.51	69.03	- 0.36	2.37
Prd Gilt Cre Inc	38.99	41.48	+ 0.01	7.41
-do- Accum	41.31	42.95	+ 0.01	7.41
Retirement Inc #	27.52	29.28	+ 0.11	5.72
Special Sits	47.23	50.24		2.23
UK & Overseas	58.81	62.40	+ 0.07	0.72
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD				
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Balanced	62.35	71.19†	+ 0.37	4.03
Capital	82.92	96.37†	+ 0.49	2.27
High Income	50.57	52.62†	- 0.01	7.20
Top 50	55.56	58.29†	+ 0.34	2.09
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PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				

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Euro Smlr Cos	190.79	203.72	0.69	1.56
European Value	95.46	101.67	+ 0.01	0.71
-do- Accum	102.70	109.37	+ 0.01	0.71
Japan Trust	221.41	235.78†	+ 0.09	
Japan Smlr Cos	234.22	249.34	- 1.70	
Pacific Smlr Cos	243.55	259.44	+ 0.89	
North American	311.17	330.61	- 1.21	
American Smaller	174.20	186.31	- 2.37	
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
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Income & Growth #	157.30	165.60†	+ 0.90	5.09
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
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British	122.44	128.21	+ 0.68	1.94
Capital	202.85	212.49†	+ 0.59	1.27
Dollar	482.51	505.25	- 1.22	
Enterprise Gth	438.48	459.14	+ 2.04	1.36
European	275.19	288.16	+ 1.04	0.56
Far East	312.31	327.02	+ 0.44	
Financial	510.22	510.71	+ 4.00	1.88
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	26.08	27.13	- 0.02	6.81
High Yield	110.30	115.49	+ 0.74	5.24
Income & Growth	162.48	170.11	+ 1.33	3.86
International	292.18	305.95	+ 0.38	0.14
Japanese General	207.03	216.79	- 0.27	
Japan Tech	89.22	93.42	- 0.26	
Nat Resources	87.88	92.02	+ 0.25	0.03
Portfolio	86.26	90.33	+ 0.19	1.09
Special Sits	212.29	222.30†	+ 0.11	0.02
UK Emerging Cos	132.29	138.53	+ 0.11	0.72
US Smaller Cos	160.07	167.61	- 1.64	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
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Active Funds-UK				
Income #	635.40	678.10†	+ 4.70	4.93
Capital	726.00	774.80	+ 3.40	2.33
High Income #	113.40	121.00†	+ 0.40	5.96
Active Funds International				
American Gwth	598.80	634.30	+ 0.70	0.36
European Gwth	144.50	153.80	+ 0.60	0.01
Japan Gwth	267.70	285.70	- 1.20	
Japan Smlr Cos	34.36	36.67	- 0.07	
Asian	62.08	66.25	+ 0.14	0.10
Sing & Malay Gwth	83.62	89.24	+ 0.47	
Hong Kong Gwth	136.60	145.80	+ 1.50	1.68
Global Bond	22.29	23.54	- 0.07	5.19
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	167.00	167.80	+ 0.90	3.50
Table Index	128.60	132.00†	+ 0.30	2.71
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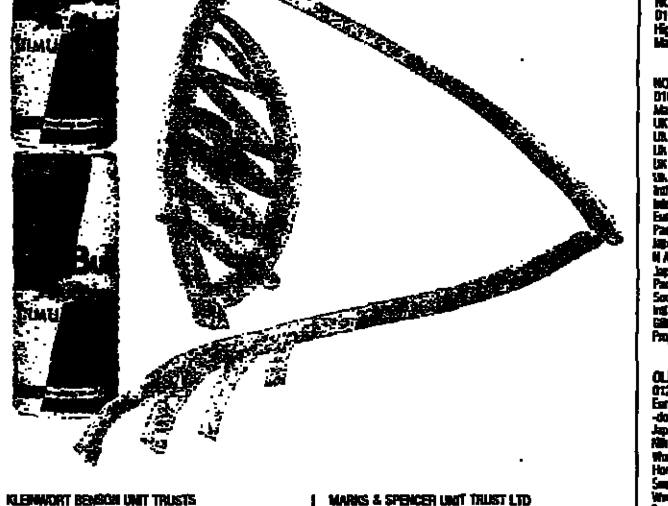

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1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
556	419	Allied Domecq	468½	+ 3	8.3	17.7
625	500	Bulmer (HP)†	581½		2.8	19.5
131	96	Burn Stewart	99½		6.3	21.5
775	615	Glenmorangie A	775		1.9	19.9
483	411	Grand Met†	469	+ 4½	4.1	18.9
493	435	Guinness	471	+ 5	4.0	15.4
378	315	Highland Dist	347½	+ 2	2.9	16.2
196	150	Macallan-Glen	157		1.2	32.2
803	655	Matthew Clark	674½	- 2½	4.4	32.1
141	93	Mnydwn Wt	116	- ½	4.8	10.6
2812½	1606¼	SA Breweries	1650		2.2	

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1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3716¾	2743¾	ABN-AMRO†	3475	+ 50	4.2	11.4
663	528	Abbey Natl	586¼	+ 8½	4.9	10.9
385	315	Allied Irish	356½		5.1	10.2
343	285	Aus New Z	343		5.4	8.4
5443¾	3843¾	Bank America†	5387½			
316	227½	Bank Scotland	253	+ 2	3.4	10.7
934	683	Barclays†	909	+ 6	3.9	9.9
488	413	Bk of Ireland†	467½		4.0	10.7
482	378	Cater Allen	417½		9.0	12.4
5668¾	4031¼	Citicorp	5662½			
392	318	Close Bros	345		3.3	15.3
£157¾	£131½	Commerzbk	£147¼	+ 109¾	3.5	
1350	1068¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1059¾		0.5	
3412½	2950	Deutsche Bk	3734¾	+ 18¾	2.5	
806½	593¾	Espirito Santo	800		4.4	10.8
1507	1177½	Fuji Bank Y	1182½	+ 5¼	0.4	
472	335	Gerrard Nat	335		8.6	10.6
287½	196	Hambros	260½	+ 2	3.6	
1174	931	HSBC†	1123	+ 30½	4.2	10.6
1142	930	HSBC HK†	1097	- 22	4.3	10.4
432½	385	Irish Perm†	429½	+ 2	3.3	11.8
177	143	King Shaxson	166½		8.8	14.5
458	405	Leopold J†	452½		5.4	16.4
382	294½	Lloyds TSB†	368		4.1	15.6
653	566	Nat Aust Bk	645		6.7	8.2
731	605½	Nat West†	668	+ 8½	5.0	9.6
68	49½	Rea Brothers†	57½	+ 1	2.4	20.6
596	468	Ryl Bk Scot	478½	- 3½	4.4	10.6
1482½	1185	Schroders	1462½	+ 92½	1.4	20.3
1137½	890	Schroders N/V	1137½	+ 67½	1.8	15.8
128½	99½	Singer & Fried	128	+ 1	4.2	9.3
729	547	Stand Chart†	705½	+ 7½	2.1	13.8
106	85½	Union†	103½	+ 2	3.6	11.1
£174¾	£131¼	Wells Fargo	£164¾		2.0	
329½	294	Westpac	311¾	+ 7½	4.5	9.6
360	298	Woolwich†	350	- 1	4.5	17.5

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1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
350	163¾	Brit Biotech	218½	- 1		
715	340	Cantab Pharms	640	+ 5		
893	473½	Celltech	542½	- 2½		
588	274	Chiroscience	398½	- 4		
447	166	Cortecs	305	+ 3½		
969	767	Glaxo Wellcome†	915	+ 1	4.1	13.1
475	316½	ML Laboratories©	316½	- 11		
286	208	Medeva†	249½	- 1	2.1	14.1
248	198	Pentos Thera	205	+ 1½		
808	524	Scotia	712½			
266	183	Shire Pharms	212			
96	69	SkyePharma	83	- ½		
759	638½	SmithKline	747½	+ 6	2.4	26.8
526	445	Therp Ant Inc	526	+ 10		
633	478	Vanguard	502½			
1549	1216	Zeneca	1544	+ 5	2.6	33.3

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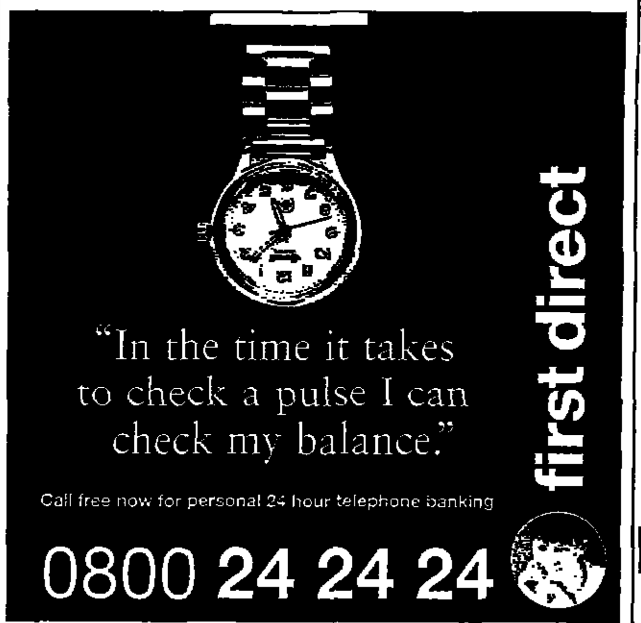
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How to murder a classic chiller

NEW FILMS: Was it necessary to remake *Les Diaboliques*? The result leaves **Geoff Brown** unconvinced

Crimson lips. Dangling cigarette. A hot red dress. And the face of Sharon Stone. Is this your typical maths teacher? Yet there she is in **Diabolique**, teaching boarding school boys the mysteries of algebra at a Gothic monstrosity in Pittsburgh. The film also invites us to believe that this self-assured dame would sit idly by while her secret lover, the school's headmaster (Chazz Palminteri), abused her. Since when was Sharon Stone a doormat?

These are only some of the ludicrous sights of *Diabolique*. Take Isabelle Adjani, the head's frail wife, mouth agape and eyes staring. She is supposed to look like a tremulous woman with a weak heart, murdering her brutish husband with Stone's help. But after a while she just looks like a fish.

Adjani's presence also serves as an embarrassing reminder of the film's distinguished French origins. For this is a remake of *Les Diaboliques*, Henri-Georges Clouzot's 1954 thriller. Until it spins off into a new ending, Jonathan Chechik's film follows the path of the original plot: the bathtub murder, the body dumped into a scum-covered pool, an investigator nosing around. But the tone and the achievement bear no comparison.

Clouzot relished the tale's sordid details, from the dismal school meals to the ornamental lion pressed on the chest to encourage drowning. Chechick, best-known for *Benny & Joon*, prefers the loud and obvious. Thunder cracks. Rain drives down. The images order us to bite our nails but their very insistence robs scenes of suspense.

Nor do the characterisations in Fred Roos's script help. Adjani's distraught waif appears even more marooned in Pittsburgh than Sharon Stone's sexy maths teacher. Palminteri's philandering headmaster stays one-dimensional. And Kathy Bates proves a mixed blessing as the investigator sniffing around the Gothic masonry. She may blend nicely with the scenery, but cracking tasteless jokes about breast cancer is not the best way to win audiences round to a film that needs every friend it can get.

Now then. Fasten your seatbelt. You are about to see a film by Wong Kar-Wai. His *Chungking Express*, a dizzying ride through lonely Hong Kong lives, was furious enough. But with **Fallen Angels**, the cult director has broken his own speed record and engineered such a rush of crazy, wide-angled or distorted images that you fear for your eyes. Hong Kong, in Wong's vision, is the ultimate city that never sleeps: its punks and hoodlums live on neon, fast food and motorbikes, enjoying no meaningful human contact.

In *Chungking Express*, the hip art-house hit of 1995, Wong's speed trip was truly intoxicating. *Fallen Angels* does not quite give the same rush. The narrative threads are cut into so many pieces that it takes more than one viewing to connect them up. And the mood is bleaker, the characters driven more by hysteria or pent-up violence.

Two storylines collide. One concerns a contract killer (Leon Lai) and the woman agent who harbours such a passion for him that she joyfully ransacks his garbage. The other strand follows a mute ex-con (Taneshuri Takeshi) who opens stores after hours and frightens customers into buying their wares. The action revs up in a hand-held frenzy, or cranks down to a hypnotic blur. Rapid editing fractures the simplest shots while scenes lurch between moody melodrama, brazen farce and existential screams.

As a display of cinema technique, *Fallen Angels* is astonishing. Forget the dinosaurs of *Jurassic Park* or the tornadoes of *Twister*: they simply fortify Hollywood's obsession with surface realism. Here you can see cinema's language and boundaries being stretched. What you cannot see is a wide audience watching happily: by refining his art to the highest degree, Wong gives us much to gawp at, bedazzled, but not enough to feel for. But for those happy with the cinema of extremes, this could make their year.

Moving from *Fallen Angels* to Margaretha von Trotta's **The Promise** is like being plonked back into the Ice Age. The direction is smooth but dull and the pace is slow, even with a story covering three decades from the building of the Berlin Wall to its collapse in 1989. This is staid art cinema.

Von Trotta relates a ruptured love story. In 1961 Sophie (played at different ages by Corinna Harfouch and Meret Becker) escapes through the sewers from East Berlin. Konrad (August Zirner and Anian Zollner) trips on his shoelace and stays behind, a reluctant prop of the communist regime.

The divided lovers meet in Prague, 1968. But what is that rumble heard from their bed? The Russian tanks, of course: sometimes von Trotta's history lesson plays like a glib TV serial. The next time they meet, the Wall has collapsed. But have time and history extinguished their ardour?

The Promise, made in 1994, is never quite as trite as this description may suggest. Von Trotta weighs her characters carefully and effectively captures the dampening of young fires by the compromises of middle age. The trouble starts when *The Promise* is placed next to an earlier work such as *The German Sisters*. That film had sharp edges, whereas *The Promise* is marked by the velvet touch, its emotions recollected in too much tranquillity to make much impact outside Germany.

Edouard Molinaro's **Beaumarchais** is more appealing, although compared to a costume piece such as *Cyrano de Bergerac*, this trot through the life of the author of *The Marriage of Figaro* seems eminently second-rate. There is Versailles to stare at, costumes galore and all the panoply of Parisian life in 1770. There is an engaging performance from Fabrice Luchini as the wily dramatist-magistrate-philanderer-businessman-spy, a jack of all trades who earned the populace's affection with outspoken comments about individual freedom. But the film lacks a unifying style and an authorial voice, flitting from scene to scene in the hope that pageantry and ebullience will carry the day. It doesn't, quite.

Surface attractions also dominate **Mulholland Falls**, a thriller clearly shaped after *Chinatown* and a film that only gents' outfitters could love. The characters wear such wonderful 1950s suits in blue-grey or light chocolate. And who are these spiffy dressers? Hard nuts from the LAPD. They pulp people with blackjacks, they kick and curse but they always look a picture.

This is wrong. Instead of eyeing the costumes we should be quaking over Nick Nolte's quest to nail the murderers of Jennifer Connelly, a former girlfriend found harbouring a shard of radioactive glass. Writer Pete Dexter dishes out the hard-boiled quips but the plot lurches between the prosaic and the melodramatic, and many characters remain in sketch form. Melanie Griffith, Nolte's wife, languishes on a sofa. Chazz Palminteri, Nolte's partner, is trapped into sidekick routines. And when we look at General Timms at his A-bomb test site, we only see John Malkovich parading his eccentricities.

Since the director is Lee Tamahori, the lack of oomph is all the more saddening. With *Once We Were Warriors* he made a New Zealand film forceful enough to grab Hollywood's arm. But the effort of accommodating himself to the American machine seems to have sapped his creative drive.

No fancy suits appear in **Hollow Reed**: this is an essay in British middle-class realism set in the world of Bath's Georgian houses, supermarket car parks and vegetables diced on a chopping board. Paula Milne's uneven script pitchforks us into a child custody battle. Should little Oliver stay in leafy splendour with Joely Richardson, whose new partner thwacks him, or would his wellbeing improve with Martin Donovan, the father who has emerged from the closet and lives in a cramped flat with Ian Hart?

When the focus stays on Oliver himself, Angela Pope's film is often admirable. Fear, loneliness and pain shift across young Sam Bould's wary face, while Pope's plain but observant style stresses the anguish of his isolation. But when the focus shifts to Jason Flemyng's Frank, the child abuser, the film collapses. One minute he expresses crude homophobia, the next he pleads for tea and sympathy.

Although the cast make a good job of Milne's muddle, you end up wanting to do to

Sharon Stone and Isabelle Adjani in Jonathan Chechik's *Diabolique*, a remake of Henri-Georges Clouzot's 1954 masterpiece *Les Diaboliques*

Diabolique
Warner West End, 18, 107 mins
Failed remake of Les Diaboliques

Fallen Angels
Renoir, 15, 95 mins
Cutting-edge cinema from Wong Kar-Wai

The Promise
Curzon Phoenix, 15, 115 mins
Fossilised cinema from Margaretha von Trotta

Beaumarchais
Curzon West End, 15, 100 mins
Amusing French costume drama

Mulholland Falls
Virgin Haymarket, 18, 106 mins
Gents' outfitters will love it

Hollow Reed
Odeon Haymarket, 15, 104 mins
Uneven British drama about child abuse

SNAP VERDICT

Every week, young film fans discuss the latest releases . . .

DIABOLIQUE

Toby White, 22: Hollywood has no idea! Film noir cannot be glamorised and the presence of Adjani doesn't give them the right to remake a French classic. Everything disappoints.

Nick Myers, 22: A run-of-the-mill thriller that neither runs nor thrills.

Ben Townsend, 21: Not a patch on the French original. Stone is very wooden and seems to be trying hard for pitiful results. Adjani just seems to simper a lot. Don't waste your money.

Katherine Wright, 18: A film of such farce and melodrama made for an amusing entertainment. Stone and Adjani complemented each other admirably.

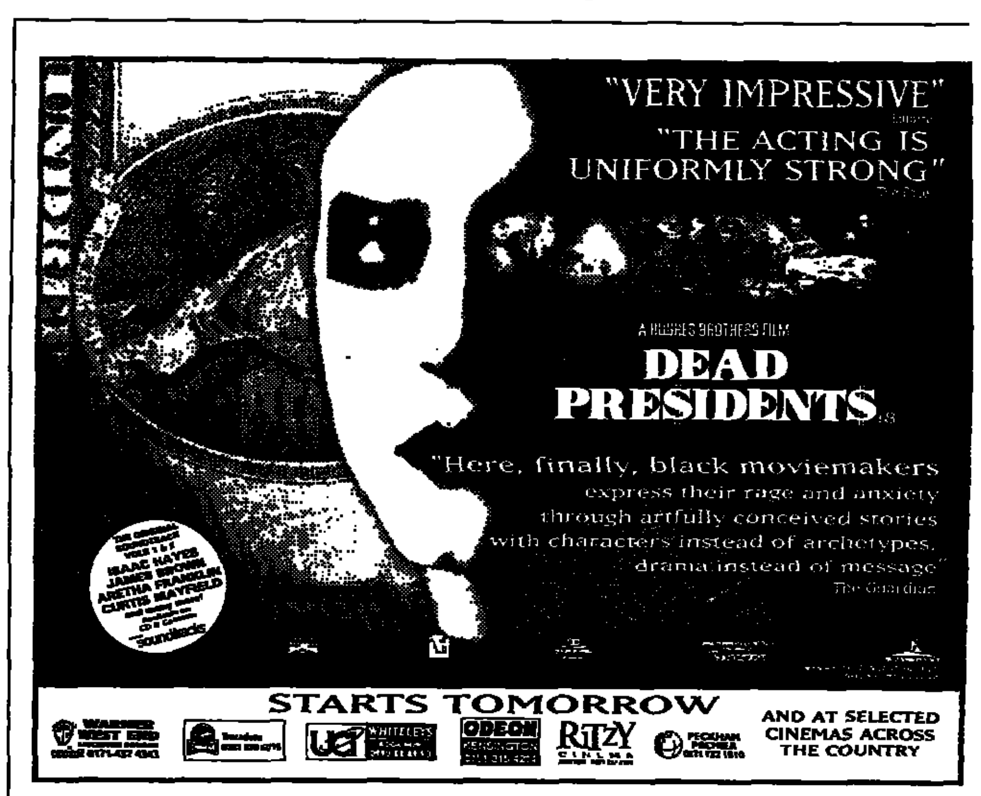
HOLLOW REED

Toby: Certainly watchable, if a little staid. Would serve better as a television drama.

Nick: This movie gives men a bad name.

Ben: Martin Donovan is convincing, as are all the leads. But the plot was a bit thin.

Katherine: The plot followed a well-worn path and was rather turgid in places. The cast gave adequate performances but failed to draw me in.



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■ CHOICE 1

A new version of Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men* hits the road

VENUE: Currently at the Churchill, Bromley

■ CHOICE 2

Valery Gergiev brings Rotterdam's Philharmonic to Birmingham

VENUE: Tonight at Symphony Hall

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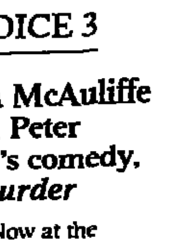

■ CHOICE 3

Nichola McAuliffe tours in Peter Nichols's comedy, *Blue Murder*

VENUE: Now at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth

■ NEW VIDEOS

Barks as good as their bites: Disney's cartoon classic, *101 Dalmatians*, comes to the small screen

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

BBC PROMS 96 Stanislaw Skrowaczewski replaces Günter Wand as the conductor at this year's 61st Prom. Renowned for his interpretations of Bruckner's symphonies, Skrowaczewski directs the **BBC Symphony Orchestra** in the composer's energetic Sixth Symphony, and the Proms' debut of Haydn's Symphony No 76.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212) Tonight, 7.30pm Ⓢ

OF MICE AND MEN. The launch of a new touring production of Steinbeck's powerful dramatisation of his Depression-era drama. Clive Mantle (Dr Mike Barratt in *Casualty*) and Lou Hirsch play the gentle giant Lennie and his caring protector George.
Churchill, Churchill Way, Bromley (0181-460 6677) Opens tonight, 7.45pm Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Sat and Wed, 2.30pm Until September 14 Next in **Malvern**, Festival (01684 892277), Sept 16-21

PENTECOST Stewart Parker's fine play; one of the best of the many written about modern Belfast. Lynne Parker directs Rough Magic's production
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Opens tonight, 7pm Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 4pm

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: The Symphony Hall begins its fifth season of international concerts with a programme from the **Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra** under the baton of its charismatic conductor Valery Gergiev. The unorthodox pianist Alexander Toradze joins the orchestra for Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No 2, which is sandwiched between excerpts from Debussy's *Le Martyre de St Sébastien* and Stravinsky's *The Firebird*
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (0121-212 3333) Tonight, 8pm

PLYMOUTH: Anton Rodgers, Nichola McAuliffe, Barry Foster and Ian Reddington line-up to star in the touring production of **Blue Murder**. Peter Nichols's heady cocktail of black comedy and Whitehall farce.
Theatre Royal, Royal Parade (01752 267222). Opens tonight, 7.30pm Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat and Thurs (Sept 12), 2.30pm Until September 14. Next in **Bath**, Theatre Royal (01225 448844), Sept 16-21

SALISBURY: **Maddie**, a musical by Stephen Keeling and Shaun McKenna, based on the ghost story by the man who wrote *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*. A Hollywood dancer, who died in 1926, haunts a couple in the 1980s. With Mark McGann, Kevin Colson and Angela Richards, and American actress Summer Rognlie. Directed by Martin Connor
Playhouse, Malthouse Lane (01722 320333). Opens tonight, 8pm Then Mon-Wed, 7.30pm, Thurs-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs (from Sep 12), 2.30pm, Sat 4pm Until September 28.

WORCESTER: An exciting season begins with a gripping new play, **The Malvern Widow**, based on a real-life Victorian murder mystery by local writer Deborah Catesby. Bella Merlin plays Florence, who is suspected of poisoning her husband, Charles Bravo. Directed by Jenny Stephens
Swan, The Moors (01905 27322) Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Thurs (Sept 12), 2.30pm). Until September 28

LONDON GALLERIES

Leighton House: Randolph Caldecott (0171-602 3316) . . . **Llewellyn Alexander**: Not the Royal Academy 1996 (0171-620 1322) . . . **Lisson Gallery**: Victor Burgin, Dan Graham, Rodney Graham, John Hilliard (0171-724 2739) . . . **Mall Galleries**: Australians in London (0171-930 6844) . . . **National Gallery**: Huber's *Christ taking Leave of his Mother* (0171-747 2885)
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THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
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☐ **BODIES** Dinsdale Landen recreates his role of Mervyn in James Saunders's drama of former wife-swappers. The plea for living at extremes still carries conviction
Orange Tree, Clarence St, Richmond (0181-940 3633) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm Until October 5

☐ **COMEDY OF ERRORS**: The New Shakespeare Company's season ends with Claire Lyth's production of the Bard's double-twin mix-up. Cast includes Debra Beaumont and Paula Wilcox.
Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park, NW1 (0171-486 2431) Tonight-Sat, 8pm, mats today and Sat, 2.30pm.

☐ **DIAL "M" FOR MURDER** Peter Davison and Catherine Rabett in Frederick Knott's classically ingenious thriller, dating from the days before the all-digit phone number
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070) Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat 8.15pm; mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm

☐ **FERRY 'CROSS THE MERSEY** Gerry and the Pacemakers, singing the story of, yes, Gerry and the Pacemakers, who had their first No 1 hit one month before the Beatles
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045) Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat 5pm Until Sept 7

☐ **THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT**: Con O'Neill and Paul Jesson in James Garner's new play, set in wartime Poland. Directed by John Dove.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301). Previews begin tonight, 8pm Opens Sept 10, 7pm Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Sat, 3.30pm

☐ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS**: Stephen Daldry's powerful production, with David Ross as the all-knowing Inspector, and Edward Peel and Estelle Kohler as the pillars of society
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085) Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 8.15pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5pm

◪ **JOHN GABRIEL BORKMAN** Paul Scofield, Vanessa Redgrave, Eileen Atkins and Michael Bryant, directed by Richard Eyre. A mighty cast for Ibsen's penultimate play, concerned with guilt, remorse and reconciliation
National Theatre (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252) Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.15pm. In rep Ⓢ

◪ **KINDERTRANSPORT**: Diana Quick and Jean Boht in Diane Samuels's moving drama about a Jewish girl who reached England from Nazi Germany but grew up in denial. Abigail Morris's award-winning production in the West End at last.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987) Now previewing, 8pm. Opens Sept 13, 7pm Then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

■ **ON THE TWENTIETH CENTURY**: Kathryn Evans and Michael N. Harbour play volatile movie star and extravagant director in the 1978 Cy Coleman/Comden and Green musical, set on the New York to Chicago express. Directed by Carol Metcalfe
Bridewell, Bride Lane, Fleet Street, EC4 (0171-936 3456) Tue-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Sat, 2.30pm, Sun, 4.30pm.

☐ **PASSION**: An unconvincing musical from Sondheim, but Maria Friedman remarkably good as a voracious man-hunter who gets her man. With Michael Ball
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5590). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

☐ **THEY SHOOT HORSES DON'T THEY** The National Youth Theatre's annual season opens with the stage version of Horace McCoy's searing novel describing the dance marathons of the American Depression. The theatre is turned into a dance hall with a live band playing. Edward Wilson directs
Bloomsbury, Gordon Street, WC1 (0171-388 8822). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Sat, 3pm Until September 14

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Buddy**: Strand (0171-930 8800)
◪ **Cats**: New London (0171-405 0072)
☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (0171-494 5070) . . . ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (0171-434 0909)
☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (0171-836 1443) . . ☐ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020) . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) ☐ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-416 6054)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

BOYS (15): Fuzzy drama about two young lives at the crossroads. With Winona Ryder and Lukas Haas. Director, Stacy Cochran.
Virgin Trocadero (0171-434 0031)

◆ **PHENOMENON** (PG): John Travolta's IQ gets a booster shot. Increasingly mawkish comic fantasy. With Kyra Sedgwick.
Barbican Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **West End** (01426-915 574) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096)

◆ **STEALING BEAUTY** (15): Light and enjoyable Bertolucci film about an American teenager's sexual flowering in Tuscany. With Liv Tyler, Jeremy Irons and Sinead Cusack.
Barbican Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **Chelsea** (0171-351 3742) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Curzon Mayfair** (0171-369 1720) **Gate** (0171-727 4043) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen on Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Screen on the Green** (0171-226 3520) **Screen/Hill** (0171-435 3366)

CURRENT

◆ **THE CABLE GUY** (12): Obnoxious comedy with Jim Carrey as a pathological cable television technician.
Virgin Trocadero Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **ERASER** (18): Dishevelled Arnold Schwarzenegger vehicle, with Vanessa Brown, James Caan, and mayhem galore. Director, Charles Russell.

ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **MGM Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

HOW TO MAKE AN AMERICAN QUILT (15): Fuzzy, well-bred drama about women's lives. Winona Ryder heads a splendid cast.
Plaza Ⓢ (0990 888 990)

◆ **THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME** (U): Victor Hugo meets the Disney animators. A perverse, and perversely successful, mix of the cuddly and downbeat. Directors, Gary Trousdale and Kirk Wise
Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** Ⓢ (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914 098) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH** (U): Mistreated James finds his feet in a peach voyaging across the Atlantic. Excellent animated version of Roald Dahl's book. Director, Henry Selick.
Odeons: Kensington (01426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343) **Watermans** (0181-568 1176)

THE LAST SUPPER (15): Grad students murder with the best intentions. Jet-black comedy falls into a rut. With Cameron Diaz and Annabeth Gish. Director, Stacy Title.
ABC Shaftesbury Avenue (0171-836 6279) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527)

ORIGINAL GANGSTAS (18): Veteran actors (Fred Williamson, Jim Brown) come to the rescue of a gang-ravaged community. Engaging genre piece from director Larry Cohen
Virgin Trocadero Ⓢ (0171-434 0031)

◆ **THE STUPIDS** (PG): Mirthless comedy about America's stupidest family. With Tom Arnold and Jessica Lundy. Director, John Landis
Odeons: Mezzanine Ⓢ (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098)

◆ **TWISTER** (PG): Cardboard characters chase tornadoes. Great special effects, but repetition softens the impact. With Helen Hunt and Bill Paxton. Director, Jan De Bont
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There's life in the old dogs yet

NEW ON VIDEO

■ 101 DALMATIANS
Buena Vista, U, 1961

ONE of the year's Christmas treats should be Disney's live-action revamp of its animated version of Dodie Smith's book about endangered puppies. But now the original film comes to video: endearing and funny, attractively styled, with one of the great Disney villains, Cruella de Ville, and a haunting set piece showing the workings of the canine SOS (the "twilight bark").

■ THE COCA-COLA KID
Arrow, 15, 1985

THE wayward satirical tale of a Coca-Cola salesman in Australia, hoping to take over the local market. Diluted stuff by the past standards of its wandering director, Dusan Makavejev, but Greta Scacchi's man-eating character should buttonhole the attention that the leading man, Eric Roberts, often fritters away.

■ SWIMMING WITH SHARKS
Imagine, 15, 1994

JET-BLACK satire about Hollywood, with Kevin Spacey on top form as a monstrous studio executive who tears assistants to shreds. At first Frank Whaley's Guy is perfect shredding material; then the worm turns. George Huang's debut feature suffers from structural flaws and a plain visual style. But it bristles enjoyably with inside knowledge, and is so sour about Hollywood that it makes Robert Altman's *The Player* seem like a love letter. Available to rent.

The cartoon version of *101 Dalmatians* is unlikely to be upstaged by the forthcoming live-action revamp

■ SMALL FACES
Fox Guild, 15, 1995

AFTER tasting Hollywood, director Gillies MacKinnon returned to his native Glasgow for this richly rewarding account of teenage life in the late 1960s, written with his brother Billy. Brothers dominate the plot too. The eldest runs with the local gang; the middle one dreams of art school; the youngest, 13, is just a kid, though in a gangland culture his pranks have serious consequences. MacKinnon's hard-driven visuals keep strict realism at bay; but there is plenty of emotional truth in the performances of young Scottish talents Iain Robertson, Joe McFadden and Kevin McKidd. Available to rent.

■ FLESH
First Independent, 18, 1968

ONE of the more cogent of the Warhol factory films, thanks to Paul Morrissey's direction, and a clear focus on the daily life of a male hustler, the personable Joe Dallessandro. Not that we see him in action: for all the displays of nudity, Morrissey's camera shies away from the hard stuff to concentrate on talk about Greek statues, breasts, marriage and such. "I think the best marriages are when two people live apart." "But they why get married?" "That's true." The companion film *Trash* (1970) is also available.

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■ JANACEK/BERG
String Quartets
Juilliard Quartet
Sony SK 66 840★★

"OUR life will be in it," wrote Janáček in 1928 to his beloved Kamila Stosslova about his second string quartet. These "Intimate Letters", with their musical representation of wonderfully diverse emotions coexisting and overlapping, is twinned here with the first quartet, the *Kreutzer Sonata*. This one, written in 1923, was inspired by Tolstoy's short story and is an evocation, a "musical psychograph" as this disc's accompanying notes have it, of a far less happy liaison.

The startlingly immediate recorded sound here is at one with the extrovert and dramatised quality of the Juilliard's performances, which will appeal to some listeners and be less attractive to others. It is ideally suited, though, to the temperament of Berg's *Lyric Suite* which the philosopher Adorno called "a latent opera". This quartet's "programme" came to light as late as 1976 and revealed that its six movements chart Berg's secret and unhappy affair with Hanna Fuchs: they do so in cryptic letter-codes and motific anagrams, tangling with its 12-tone musical alphabet from the opening *Allegretto gioviale* to the final *Largo desolato*.

OPERA

John Higgins

■ WEBER
Der Freischütz
Orgonasova/Schafer/Wottrich/Salminen/Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra/Harnoncourt
Teldec 4509-97758-2 (2 CDs)★★★

"WHO'S afraid of the German forest?" asks Teldec in its introduction to *Der Freischütz*. Not Nikolaus Harnoncourt for one. He gives Weber's opera the full Romantic treatment. The gloomy woods, harbouring sorcery and black huntsmen, are never far away and Weber's villagers have to keep fear at bay with dances and drinking songs. The Berlin Philharmonic, especially the brass and woodwind sections, have a wondrous time summoning up devils in the Wolf's Glen and rolling out the barrel for more convivial occasions. The recording is as spacious as the forest itself, full of atmosphere right down to the rifle shots, which carry a Teldec volume warning in small print.

Max, the huntsman who has lost his aim, is sung with thrilling tone by Endrik Wottrich. He sounds young and is not at all the normal heavyweight usually assigned to this killing role. Clever casting. Matti Salminen is Kaspar, the older man who invites him to sell his soul to the local devil, Samiel. Ekkehard Schall takes that part and together the two men purvey a powerful line in evil.

Weber's women do not face such temptations. Luba Orgonasova is a radiant Agathe with, as Max, a lighter voice than the part normally commands. There is a slight tremolo, but this is a plus: Agathe spends most of the opera in a state of anxious foreboding. Christine Schäfer sparkles away as Ännchen and Kurt Moll makes a telling late appearance as the Hermit who helps steady village life. A *Freischütz* worthy to stand alongside Carlos Kleiber's classic set on DG.

ORCHESTRAL

Barry Millington

■ CHABRIER
España
Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra/Gardiner
DG 447 751 2★★★

THE implausible combination of John Eliot Gardiner and the Vienna Philharmonic came together a couple of years ago to produce a memorably idiomatic *Merry Widow*. Now they turn to Chabrier for another intelligently conceived, impeccably executed performance.

What we have here is a group of orchestral pieces from the 1870s and 1880s that show, with their poignant Gallic delicacy, why Chabrier was such a potent influence on younger compatriots such as Poulenc. But they also betray unmistakable signs of the Wagnerism that swept late 19th-century France (Chabrier himself left his government post to become a composer after a decisive performance of *Tristan*). The latter traits are seen most clearly in the overture to *Gwendoline*, the former in *Suite pastorale*, four orchestrated piano pieces that conjure up the Auvergne of Chabrier's childhood, the antique idiom of the French *clavecinistes* adding to the nostalgic colouring.

The succulent tones of the Vienna Philharmonic, combined with the rhythmic precision of Gardiner, capture all this superbly, and the ever-popular *España* and *Marche Française (Joyeuse Marche)* also get the full treatment.

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Confident steps into pastoral perspective

Isabel Carlisle admires Sir Anthony Caro's monumental new work at Goodwood sculpture park

Sculpture at Goodwood opened to the public almost exactly two years ago as an open-air display of the best in contemporary British sculpture. Now, with its reputation established, it is launching its third year with a major work by Sir Anthony Caro made for the Goodwood setting. Boldly installed outside the entrance to Hat Hill Copse in West Sussex and visible from the road, *Goodwood Steps* is a hugely confident piece. Venturing beyond the sculpture park's boundaries, it announces the confidence of those behind the venture of Sculpture at Goodwood and, more significantly, exudes a confidence that perhaps only an artist such as Caro could possess.

Funded by the collectors Wilfred and Jeanette Cass, Sculpture at Goodwood is unique among sculpture parks in combining works bought for the wooded downland setting with loans from dealers and sculpture "commissioned" directly from artists (with a grant to cover materials and basic costs). As pieces are sold, new works are installed and the display changes, maintaining its contemporary status. Financially, it is self-perpetuating. Artistically, there is always something new to see.

Nothing about Sculpture at Goodwood is static except the works themselves. Works of sculpture in museums often look dead if unsympathetically lit. Out of doors, with enough space to give each a separate environment and the chance to view from all around and even from above, the works come alive in a surprisingly seductive way.

Elisabeth Frink's life-size bronze figures, based on the monumental Greek figures of warriors lifted from the sea bed near Riace in southern Italy, stride down one of the grassy rides with a sense of purpose and acute physicality that would be hard to achieve in an indoor setting. Andy Goldsworthy's *Herd of Aches* — freestanding, waist-high arches made of sandstone and slate — have their bases hidden in the undergrowth and are part-concealed among the trees. A combination of nature and very natural art which sets up resonances of mystery, age and decay.

Caro's newest work is, as he himself sees it, a dialogue between the formality of architecture and the informality of the rounded contours of the chalk landscape. The 14 flights of giant steps (with four treads each with dimensions for mountaineers only) are paired both back-to-back and side-to-side. A central spine of 14 plain columns provides an axis, to either side of which the flights are angled first to right and then left. The angles of attraction and repulsion are constant. At the top, seven metres up, the columns are joined in pairs by horizontal lintels. The base of each flight is connected to the next by a semicircular sweep of metal.

This huge construction of welded and painted metal is an essay in dislocated Classicism. The seven huge doorways are blocked by steps where space should be. Instead the spaces are between the flights, and the flights themselves, that look so solid from face on, are disconcertingly void behind. There is a sense of the perfect incompleteness that one finds in classical ruins.

Like Caro's earlier *The Tower of Discovery*, which was in place at Goodwood when the park first opened, *Goodwood Steps* invites you to walk round it and through it, to view it from the bank above and even to climb up the huge steps and sit on the top. For all its monumentality, it is inviting, not overbearing. The effect of the warm reddish bronze colour in which the work is painted set against the yellow of cut corn in the field behind, the green of the bank and the trees, the blue of sky, could not be replicated in a gallery. *Goodwood Steps* makes the point that works of art are heightened where they interact with their surroundings and that sculpture can be magically transformed in an outdoor setting.

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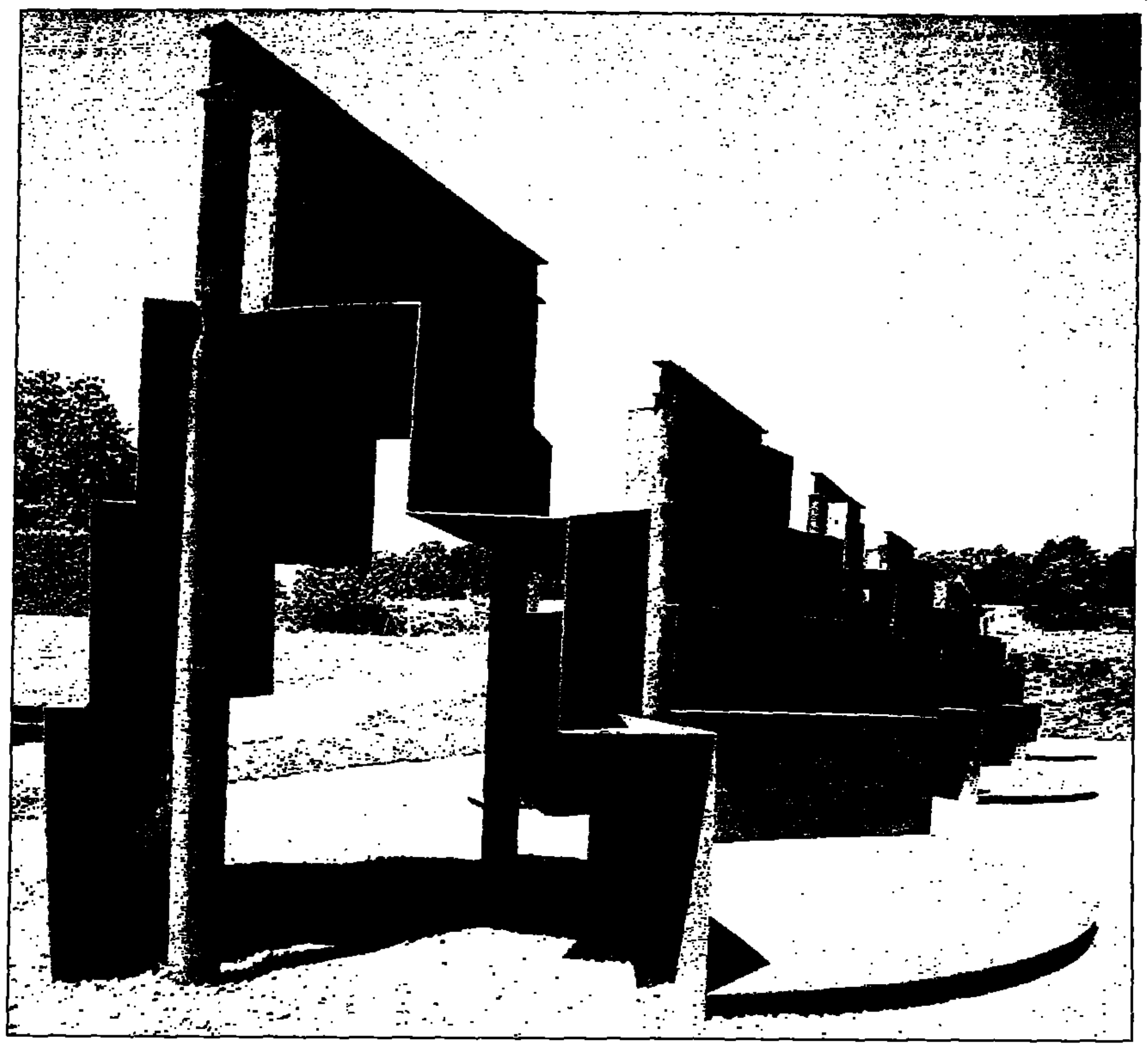

Step right in: *Goodwood Steps* by Sir Anthony Caro — "for all its monumentality, it is inviting, not overbearing"

Benedict Nightingale on Stephen Poliakoff's play about scientific fraud

Hoax sets off a chain reaction

THEATRE

Blinded by the Sun
Cottesloe

Remember cold fusion? Two Utah physicists announced they had achieved it, only to lapse into embarrassed silence when scientists around the world failed to repeat their experiment. At the centre of Stephen Poliakoff's new play there is a similar gaffe and, since fraud is involved, the prospect of a worse scandal. This time a chemist at a provincial English university claims to have created a "sun-battery", meaning a machine that uses light to extract power from water, and proves to have been about as successful as the Laputan scientists Gulliver sees trying to turn ice into gunpowder.

A good, original subject but, as it turns out, an awkward one. The first half of *Blinded by the Sun* is straightforwardly gripping, the second still absorbing but at times so disorientating that I wondered whether Poliakoff was writing in metaphor or code. Did what someone calls "the hell of creativity" and "the dark tunnel" refer as much to literature, drama and the playwright's own problems as to scientific discovery? More of this in a mo.

When Duncan Bell's smooth, sure Christopher tells Douglas Hodge's Al that he has found an easy way of separating the H from H_2O, Al is thrilled. After all, he has been unexpectedly appointed department chairman, feels insecure, and stands to gain both professionally and personally from the reflected glory. Then Al's doubts begin. Why won't Christopher publish his findings before holding a press conference? Has he been using bleach and baking powder to fake his results? Throughout the act, Hodge gives a wonderful performance as a rumpled nerd with a hint of firmness behind the goofy, apologetic grins.

In a programme note the chemist David Jones argues that "there is always some surprising or desperate human story behind scientific fraud". If so, Poliakoff does not fully show it. We never see why Christopher has acted in so insanely self-destructive a way, nor do we learn how Al has successfully limited the damage. Instead the play takes odd twists, transforming Al from hack boffin into potential genius and from principled hero into hate-object. He stalks about in brashly coloured ties rationalising departments, firing unproductive colleagues, becoming a pop-science writer and slick broadcaster, and very nearly discovering how to extract fuel from garbage.

Even the excellent Hodge did not leave me feeling that the character held together or rid me of the suspicion that his author was demonising him. But maybe Poliakoff had matters other than science on his mind. Think of Christopher, faking the inspiration he does not have, and Al, haunted by his inability to prove himself more than mediocre, as novelists or dramatists.

Think of the play's other main character — Elinor, a once-famous chemist secretly working on what may be scientific wonders and may be nothing at all — as a troubled writer too. The play becomes a debate about pure science, applied science — and the mysteries of art.

With Frances de la Tour dryly majestic as Elinor, nice cameos from Graham Crowden and Walter Sparrow, and quirkily Poliakoffian scenes in a virtual-reality arcade and a university cafeteria, it seems grudging to call the play only a mixed success. But that's the truth. Poliakoff the brilliant but uneven word-scientist has yet to create his masterpiece.

Mmm?
EUREKA?
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Frances de la Tour as Elinor, Indra Ové as Joanna and Douglas Hodge playing Al

Regal perfection

BBC PROMS

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YOU might think that Alfred Brendel, at 65, has long since said all he had to say about Beethoven's *Emperor Concerto*. But the manner of his saying it is continually rewarding. His Prom performance with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and Sir Simon Rattle was both properly magisterial in spirit and abundantly stimulating in detail.

His exordium to the first movement had weight and clarity and thereafter it surged forward with a breadth of scale, imperative, but always mindful that its brilliance is rooted in the musical content. Rattle preceded this with a carefully poised account of the Berlioz overture, *The Corsair*.

In the second part of the programme he boldly contrasted two more works. One was Sir Michael Tippett's *Fantasia Concertante on a Theme of Corelli*. The conductor gave rhythmic bite to the phrases as well as shaping the sensuous beauty of Tippett's tendrils of florid counterpoint. The ornamental writing in the high register became melodies to be savoured as the *Fantasia*'s three layers bonded into an enchanting texture.

Haydn today is usually treated as a programme-opener, but this concert restored him to a final place, with an account of his Symphony No 88 that could scarcely be bettered. The performance was deliciously light-footed, making the most of the rich writing for woodwind amid reduced strings, but with the added trumpets from the surviving later edition of the score.

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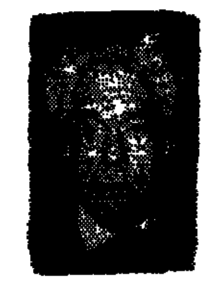

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Julia Stephen and daughter Virginia, 1884

"Do you think it possible to write a life of anyone? I doubt it."

In 1935 Virginia Woolf was struggling with her biography of her friend, the art critic Roger Fry. In 1928 she had published a fiction she called a biography: *Orlando*, a 300-year-long tribute and tease to her lover Vita Sackville-West, which pretended to map the fortunes of the Lord/Lady Orlando, poet and seducer of vampire longevity and flexible sex.

Then there was her biography of Elizabeth Barrett Browning's spaniel, *Flush*, otherwise known to Woolf as "that abominable dog". *The Waves* (1931), she described as "autobiography", adding confusingly that although it was about childhood, "it must not be my childhood".

What a childhood that was, at 22 Hyde Park Gate: her father, Sir Leslie Stephen, tyrannical, sentimental: her mother, Julia Stephen, beautiful, reined-in, dying of exhaustion when Virginia was 13.

Sir Leslie was a great groaner; groaning over loss, groaning over his labour, the huge weight of his life's work, the *Dictionary of National Biography*, pressing down on his children's heads. No wonder Woolf the writer was so suspicious of too much fact.

There were the summers at St Ives, stretched-out days of pale morning sea, the sky late-blue. Days before death, her mother's, her father's, her brother Thoby, and all the wasted deaths of the First World War.

Woolf is Modern. She feels close to us. With Joyce and Eliot she has shaped a literary century. Absurd that this bold, clear voice was born in 1882, before electric light and motor cars. Absurd that an experimenter still ahead of most contemporary fiction was 19 the year that Queen Victoria died.

This is a time-paradox. Woolf's work and her thinking were continually pulling ahead. Her body and her everyday life kept pace with her own day and age. It cannot be otherwise. This explains many of the alleged contradictions in Woolf's behaviour; that she was a socialist but she was a snob, that she was a feminist but had poor women to cook and scrub for her, that she was casually anti-Semitic but married a Jew, that she could be racist but hated oppression.

Hermione Lee does not try to whitewash Woolf, but she does not, I think, sufficiently emphasise the difference in attitudes between Woolf's own time and ours. Our ideas of society have changed a great deal and Woolf and her circle were partly responsible for that change.

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Woolf herself was often aware of the body, the physical self, as an anachronism dropped in time, while the real self, the mind, the imagination, was further ahead, a long way off, sometimes sighted like "a fin passing far out".

For such a person life and work, body and mind, do not slide easily together. The plates grind. She often felt crushed by the insistent world of action and timetables, seeking in her work a different focus, a different rhythm to the clatter of boots and busyness. When she wondered if the only way to write a biography were not simply to set down the known facts and then write the life as a fiction, she was trying to avoid penning-in the imagination with thick detail.

"I meet somebody who says 'you're this, you're that' and I don't want to be anybody when I'm writing."

But, you may say, Virginia Woolf was mad.

She had five mental breakdowns during her lifetime. In 1941, when Hitler was expected to invade England and she was in deep turmoil about her own work, she wrote two sane and unselfish letters, one to her husband Leonard, the other to her sister Vanessa Bell, and drowned herself in the River Ouse, near her cottage at Rodmell, Sussex.

Hermione Lee takes the view that Woolf was a sane woman with an illness. Her chapter on Woolf's doctors, diagnoses, treatments and drugs, not only exposes the medical model of the early century as terrifying cant, but suggests how the treatments themselves may have been responsible for much of Woolf's suffering. I can only praise Lee for determinedly investigating the mumbo-jumbo that has often been set in the way of an open-minded reading of Woolf's work.

It is the work that matters. Woolf chipped away at the rock-face of convention and tradition, using her mind as a chisel. I wish Hermione Lee had written more passionately and precisely about the books themselves. Her commentaries are sensible but not inspired. Where she does try an original thought, running together Woolf's Angel in the House, the phantom who must be killed before a woman dares write freely, with Woolf's mother, the straining is audible.

Nevertheless, this biography should be admired for its scrupulousness, its seriousness, its effort and its honesty. It is a great improvement on Quentin Bell's rather homespun version (1972), and its scholarship is such that it will be invaluable to anyone interested in riddling the connections between a life and its work.

Sinister Welsh sprites

THE POET William Blake invited us to see heaven in a wild flower. The novelist Alice Thomas Ellis shows us hell there, too. Her devil's name is Nature, and she knows that not all the leaves in his book are green and golden.

Fairy Tale is her 13th novel, and an uncommonly odd one. To get some instant taste of its flavour you could do worse than imagine the principal characters of *Absolutely Fabulous* transported to darkest rural Wales, with the prissy daughter made pregnant by occult forces. Ellis's women have more depth than their counterparts on the box, but psychological realism is not what she is after.

Eloise, the daughter figure, has gone to live the simple life in a cottage called Ty Coch, in company with her partner Simon and a cat. Simon cares mostly that eyes are watching her from the woods — the Tylwyth Teg, that particularly nasty Welsh variety of the fairy folk, who soon come visiting in the shape of estate agents who wear shining shoes but cast no shadows.

Alarmed, Simon summons Clare, Eloise's mother, from London, but Clare doesn't get on with her daughter and sends her best friend Miriam. It is Miriam who discovers that Ty Coch stands on an ancient sacrificial site, and she also notices that Eloise comes home bone dry after her impregnation by the powers of darkness in a rainstorm. Clare turns up in time for the birth of Eloise's baby — a creature with silver hair which looks as though it knows too much and displays a thirst for vodka.

Robert Nye

FAIRY TALE
By Alice Thomas Ellis
Viking, £16
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All this is good fun, given extra edge by the sort of satire in which Ellis has always excelled; but an element of something more than fun is present throughout in the book's intimations of old gods and ghosts lurking in unmapped woods. This leads into musings concerning exactly what it is that can make the natural world seem alien to us. "It was not after all wickedness that hung on the sweet air, infused the pasture and the dappling woods and informed the mute hedgerows. It was absence. The absence of cognizance, of love, of all that mankind might call God."

Ellis is a Roman Catholic, and tends to use her faith to resolve her plots: Simon exorcises the Tylwyth Teg by accidentally quoting a bit of Psalm 23. The merit lies in the fact that Simon is the book's most ineffectual character, and even when his words have saved them all he does not know what he has done.

It is not necessary to share the author's faith in order to like the justice of this, but I was less happy with the way Ellis tries to round everything off just by having her characters forget what has happened to them. Still, there's a troubled irony in the book's last words: "We've forgotten something," says Eloise.

No one who reads *Fairy Tale* is likely to forget it.

Drawing from life and art

Howard Davies on a novelist's re-emergence with an imaginative envisioning of wartime France

MATISSE'S WAR
By Peter Everett
Cape, £15.99
ISBN 0 224 04483 4

Thirty years ago Peter Everett won the Somerset Maugham Prize with his now-forgotten *Negatives*. Since then he has published five more novels without, shall we say, unduly troubling the scorers. Now, at 65, he has given birth to a strange and considerable piece of work — rather as if Graeme Hick, after a long run of single-figure innings, popped up with a double hundred at Karachi.

The ground Everett has chosen is far removed in place and time from his native Sheffield. *Matisse's War* follows its eponymous (anti-) hero around France from 1939 to 1945. After the Fall in 1940, Matisse, it would seem, criss-crossed Vichy and occupied France, regularly bumping into Picasso, Bonnard, Aragon, Elsa Triolet and Camus on his travels.

I say "it would seem" because it is not at all clear how far one is to see *Matisse's War* as a chronicle, and how far as an imaginative recreation. Some passages are clearly in the latter category: I doubt that Matisse recorded in quite such vivid detail the fellation skills of his teenage life-class models, and there are lengthy passages of dialogue. The borderline becomes confused when real events intrude, sometimes in an unexpected and baffling way. The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor at the end of 1940 shocked Matisse, as it did me.

But this is hardly fair. After all, Everett has not written a history essay, and should not be marked down on his dates. He has tried, first, to recreate the daily lives of a group of artists and intellectuals and, second, to explore the impact of war on their art and ideas.

The two exercises are to some extent separable. *Matisse's War* can be read with enjoyment — or at least fascination — as a chronicle of wartime France: from the phoney war through Dunkirk and the conflicting appeals of de Gaulle and Pétain to Laval's collaboration, Oradour-Sur-Glane and the revenge killings in 1945 as scores were settled. Everett also simultaneously addresses the difficult relationships between the active resistants such as Aragon, those such as Matisse who floated with the tide and the "collabos" Celine, Drieu La Rochelle and Robert Brasillach.

Matisse's War can also, however, be read on another level. It is a kind of double love story. Henri and Lydia are growing old together, their relationship surviving his many casual infidelities. Aragon and Elsa Triolet are an altogether more complex and volatile pair — he married to the Communist Party, she prone to deliberately humiliating promiscuity.

Juggling these themes is an ambitious undertaking — to say nothing of the delicacy required to handle the complex intellectual cross-currents of France in the 1940s, and the artistic rivalry between Matisse and Picasso, which intrudes from time to time. Yet for the most part Everett manages triumphantly — even though he has adopted a challenging staccato style, sprinkled with three-star page breaks reminiscent of *Cold Comfort Farm*. At times I yearned for him to release the brakes and let his prose and dialogue flow freely. I could have done, too, without the occasional lapse into demotic speech; there are quite a lot of rude words. And there are moments of confusion when the most dutiful reader may wonder just where, and with whom, she is.

But these are quibbles, and it is better to concentrate on the scale of Everett's unusual achievement. *Matisse's War* is an imaginative tour de force and shows that a contemporary novel can be learned, ambitious, adult and accessible, all at the same time.

I am glad, therefore, that I did not give up on page seven, as I was sorely tempted to do. Lydia's first substantial observation begins: "I do not trust the Bank of England". Attached to a woman with such an eccentric world view, perhaps it is not surprising that Matisse's eye wandered as often as it did.

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Matisse's pencil drawing *Woman in a Hood* (September, 1939); from *Henri Matisse, a novel* by Aragon (Collins, 1972)

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EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF
By Beryl Bainbridge
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April 15, 1912, off the coast of Newfoundland. Day is breaking, and in a lifeboat on a calm sea Morgan awaits rescue. "Now that I knew I was going to live," he reflects, "there was something dishonourable in survival."

In her last novel, *The Birthday Boys*, Beryl Bainbridge cast her acute and compassionate eye on Captain Scott's fatal expedition to the South Pole in 1911-12. In *Every Man For Himself* she takes on another doomed journey: the *Titanic* set sail barely three months after Scott and his men died in the Antarctic desert. Bainbridge sets her novel aboard the liner, during her first and last days as the greatest ship afloat. It is a moving, microcosmic portrait of an era's bitter end.

Morgan is the nephew of J. P. Morgan, the American industrialist and philanthropist who had taken over the White Star Line to which the *Titanic* belonged. The younger man is not a wastrel — his uncle, who will take nepotism only so far, has set him up with a bottom-rung design job with Harland and Wolff, the ship's builders — but he has little direction, either, and is hemmed in by the claustrophobic world of which he is a part. "This place is chock-a-block with people who went to the same schools, the same universities, attended the same fencing classes, shared the same dancing masters … There isn't a photograph taken from here to the Nile that doesn't feature 20 or more of us lined up to watch the dicky-bird."

Yet Morgan stands at least a little aloof from this milieu, too. He carries with a him a small portrait, by Cézanne, of his mother, of whom he knows almost nothing: on board is Wallis Ellery, a girl he adores but whom he is unable to confront with his adoration. He becomes involved with Rosenfelder, a Jew who dreams of making his fortune as a couturier in New York; with Adele, a statuesque beauty who somehow manages to slip the bonds of her class and move easily between the upper and lower decks of the ship. What seems at first to be an environment hermetically sealed is in fact one in transition, about to be broken apart.

The agent of its breaking, was, of course, an iceberg; but in Bainbridge's novel there is, as it were, a human iceberg too. Nearly everything about Scurra is a mystery. "The man with the gift of the gab," as Rosenfelder has it, has a scarred mouth (was he bitten by a parrot? Injured in a duel?) which only seems to make his frank utterances more ugly and unwelcome. A man scurrilous, indeed, but fascinating with it, and of all the passengers aboard the most undeluded. His conscienceless scepticism infects the ship before she goes down; it is Scurra who knows that from here on in it is every man for himself.

To set a novel aboard the *Titanic* is asking for trouble. Her story comes ready-freighted with a store of symbols and a fine cast of characters: it would be easy to sink into clumsy parable. This Bainbridge never does; but nor does she avoid — it would be very strange if she did — the terrible juxtapositions of hope and despair which occurred on that voyage. It is not the *Titanic*'s splendour but her engineering that moves Morgan: "If the fate of man was connected to the order of the universe, and if one could equate the scientific workings of the engines with just such a reciprocal universe, why then, nothing could go wrong with my world."

Morgan learns — first from Scurra, then from the iceberg — that there is no such equation. But for all his hope, he was already on his way to that knowledge; uncertain of his place in history, in life, he is very much a modern man. As dawn lights the empty ocean, he faces the detritus of the old world — "chairs and tables, crates, an empty gin bottle, a set of bagpipes, a cup without a handle, a creased square of canvas with a girl's face painted on it" — and the first day of the new.

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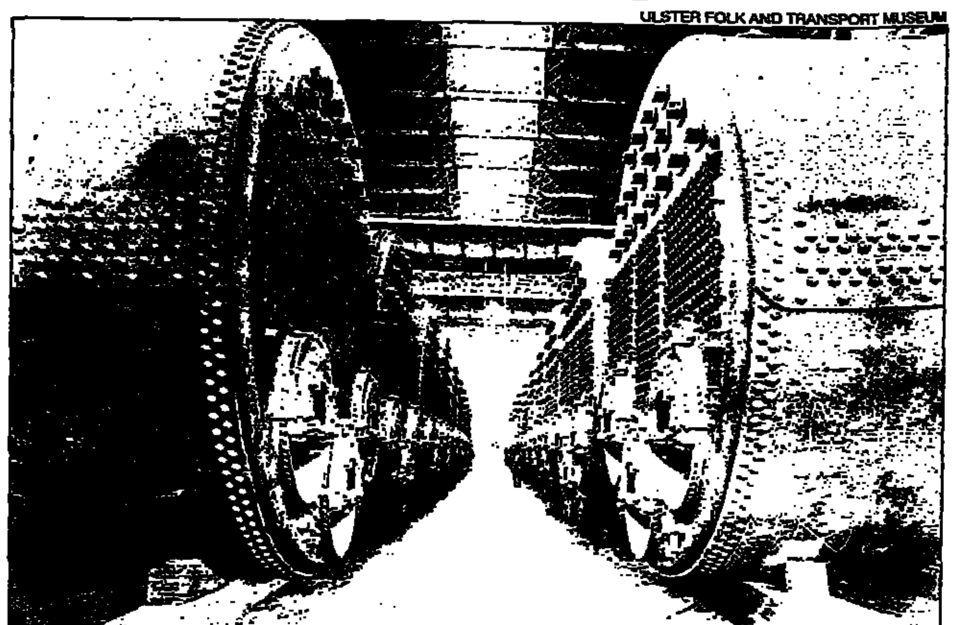

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AN ANTHOLOGY OF CHINESE LITERATURE
Beginnings to 1911
Edited and translated by
Stephen Owen
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This vast and beautifully produced book is in the great tradition of Norton anthologies. One can hardly imagine a more serious and comprehensive sampling of one of the world's greatest, and for Western readers, least accessible, literatures. Professor Owen's great accomplishment, beyond his work of translation and commentary, is to have brought together with those classical poets that are familiar through the Waley translations an extensive repertoire of other works and authors, showing the richness and variety of Chinese literature from *The Classic of Poetry*, itself an anthology which was compiled during the Zhou dynasty (1020-221 BC), to the end of the Qing in 1911.

As he rightly remarks, in China as well as in the West the definition of what constituted "literature" changed over the centuries, and for most of Chinese history embraced non-fiction, including letters, essays and political documents. This collection presents us with an immense variety, and will please readers who know only the Tang poets and the great prose narratives such as *The Story of the Stone*. Early religious poetry, historical documents, laments, love poems, "cautionary tales", philosophical discourses and dramatic fragments come together to give a panoramic sense of Chinese culture.

Much of it comes from earlier periods; by page 720 of the volume's 1,212-page span, we have only reached the end of the Song dynasty (AD 1279). To the Chinese, this emphasis on the classics of far-distant centuries would seem natural: they are the reference points of the living cultural language. Not least because of the continuity of written Chinese, these works have retained their accessibility for educated Chinese readers, who can understand a Song text with more ease than a reader of English can Chaucer.

The world revealed shows the repeated contrast between the empire of ritual and the exigencies of the court, and the private poetry of withdrawal and contemplation. There are also themes of self-abandonment, either to wine or Eros or to an intense rapport with nature, conveyed with incredible concision and elegance. From the most intimate present pleasures, the connection is effortlessly made to the distant mountain with its Daoist associations. But one can also delight in the exoticism of later pieces, such as the self-conscious reflexivity of the "silent opera" *Wu-sheng xi*, Li Yu's Qing dynasty tale of an actress's love which dissolves reality in theatrical metaphor and incorporates, at the tale's end, the author's own critical commentary — as severe as a Renaissance discourse on Aristotle's four unities but used to splendidly ironic effect.

The difficulty for the non-Chinese reader is an inward-lookingness in which the complex flow of allusion and analogy links most Chinese works to their tradition. When the poet speaks, for example, of a "heart allowed to run free", he may have in mind the original meaning of the philosopher Mencius — the recovery of childlike innocence — or he might mean a wanton abandonment of restraint.

Professor Owen's commentary is admirable, providing both an adequate sense of context and brief explanations of allusions to real or legendary figures of the past or the reworking of earlier texts, without crowding the volume with an excessive scholarly apparatus. This is a model of clarity and helpfulness.

The principle which governs the translations is impeccable: not to aim at a falsifying "Chineseness", but to create "a complex family of differences" which "reinvents some of the differences perceived by a good reader of Chinese". The problems of turning the Chinese ideogram into intelligible English are admirably and succinctly demonstrated in an example from a poem by Wang Wei, on pp 383-4.

The decision to put classical Chinese into "English" and vernacular into "American" provides some amusing effects, not all of them intentional. "I'm centre stage/ I'm smooth" has a bizarrely modern ring. Yet the poem by Guan Han-qing from which it is taken, one of the Yuan vernacular songs, dates back to a period before Chaucer. One can hardly think of a general principle to govern these discrepancies without some small attendant absurdity. Chinese words are rendered in Pinyin, which has now, alas, displaced the Wade-Giles method — more easily deciphered by an English reader — as the authorised system of transliteration.

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薄	暮	空	潭	曲
towards-dusk		empty/deserted	pool	bend
安	禪	制	毒	龍
stillness	Chan	control	poison	dragon

Towards dusk at the bend of a deserted pool,
in meditation's calm I mastered passion's dragon.

Chinese gloss and English translation of Tang verse by poet Wang Wei (AD 699-761)

Is it or is it not, that is the question

Anthony Holden

SHAKESPEARE'S EDWARD III
Edited by Eric Sams
Yale University Press, £18.50
ISBN 0 300 06626 0

For a decade and more the musicologist Eric Sams has been buzzing around the margins of Shakespeare studies like a particularly pesky gnat, raging at orthodoxy with all the passion of the outcast Lear, as yet to equally forlorn effect. Ten years ago he made an ambitious effort to claim *Edmund Ironside* for the canon, in an edition which, by his own confession, "found favour with few specialist Shakespeareans". Now, on the quatercentenary of its first publication, he is attempting the same feat for another curate's egg of Elizabethan drama, *Edward III*.

This time Sams is more optimistic, not without cause, as the play has long been considered a collaboration typical of the period, in which Shakespeare may well have had a hand. To prove more than that — to justify Sams's subtitle, "an early play restored to the canon" — requires a cool professional poise which he seems quite incapable of transferring from Schumann to Shakespeare.

Ah, the pity of it, for Sams' meticulous edition of the text is to be welcomed as his apparatus and notes are to be regretted. In and between almost every line, the frustrated applicant for Shakespearean respectability permits his fury at the academic establishment to invade, pollute and undermine his often impressive scholarship.

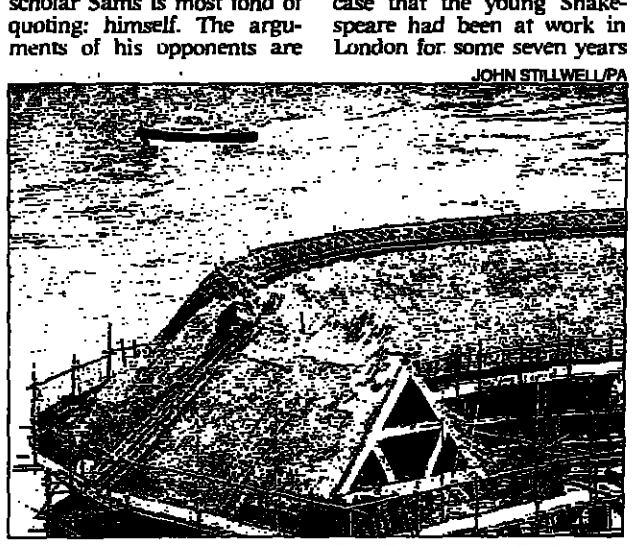
Against the background of four centuries of argument, symbolised by praise from Tennyson and "nausea" from Swinburne, the text itself makes fascinating reading. After a hamfisted opening scene, barely worthy of the schoolboy Shakespeare, the first two acts comprise a prolonged and elegant sequence in which the King permits an illicit attempt to seduce the Countess of Salisbury to distract him from urgent military matters in Scotland and France. Thus is established the theme of vows, oaths and their sanctity which sustains the play through three more uneven acts set on the battlefields of France.

Even so short a summary, in daring to wonder whether much of the writing is worthy of Shakespeare, is guilty of the heinous sin of "romantic subjectivism". Of course the Bard had his off-days, in other words, but quality is no criterion for adjudging attribution. To the late Sam Schoenbaum, one of the pre-eminent Shakespeare scholars of our time, yet a prime *bête noire* to Sams: "Intuitions, convictions and subjective judgments carry no weight as evidence." Instead Sams relies on sources, copious parallels to other plays, characteristic neologisms and image clusters (notably the so-called "blot-cluster", an example of word associations found in other works) to render canonisation the "commonsense conclusion".

There are also, of course, the "hundreds of close and clear parallels" to *Edmund Ironside*, accorded two obsessive appendices, given the "unanswerable" case for its inclusion in the canon made by the scholar Sams is most fond of quoting: himself. The arguments of his opponents are "just literary inventions emanating from the elitist attitudes of 1920s Oxbridge that still dominate orthodox scholarship worldwide".

As with *The Real Shakespeare*, his revisionist account of the playwright's early years, Sams's often beguiling arguments are couched in this tetchy tone of voice, so strident as to protest too much, robbing his learning of the authority it might otherwise merit.

In his biography, nevertheless, Sams made a persuasive case that the young Shakespeare had been at work in London for some seven years before Greene's "upstart crow" denunciation of 1582, thus exploding the myth of the "late developing" dramatist. There is evidence beyond two topical references to the Armada that *Edward III* was written and performed as early as 1589, though not published (anonymously) until 1596.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A 1768 edition by Edward Capell proclaimed it "a play thought to be writ by Shakespeare". The subseqent consensus for collaboration has attributed parts variously to Drayton, Greene, Lodge and Peele, perhaps Marlowe. But Tennyson has not been alone in considering the "Countess of Salisbury section" fine enough to be the work of Shakespeare, not least because it contains a line familiar from the contemporaneous *Sonnets*: "Lilies that fester smell far worse than weeds."

Could this have been Shakespeare borrowing from himself, or another writer stealing his best lines? Yet again Sams rehearses the timeworn arguments about plagiarism, collaboration, stylometry and "memorial reconstruction", this time with venomous hostility, to reach some breathtakingly sweeping conclusions. The Cambridge consensus, for instance, amounts to "in part by Shakespeare", the Oxford consensus to "by the same hand throughout". *Ergo*, concludes Sams with characteristic logic, "by Shakespeare throughout". Others, I suspect, will continue to enrage him by begging leave to persist in their doubts.

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Less pain, our gain

Thomas Stuttaford

THE CAMBRIDGE ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF MEDICINE
Edited by Roy Porter
Cambridge University Press, £24.95
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Until comparatively recently, doctors needed a kindly, distant professional manner to hide an overwhelming ignorance and their inability to alter the natural history of most diseases.

As medical ignorance has receded, and as the power to treat, and cure, disease has increased, so has the medical professional become less reticent; and patients, and the lay public in general, are now told about their troubles and medicine is explained to them. The response has been an increasing fascination with every aspect of the subject.

Until recently doctors could only make diagnoses, treat symptoms, in particular pain, and predict, often inaccurately, the course of the disease. Only rarely were they able to interfere with its progress, let alone effect a cure.

Over the past 150 years, the situation has been changing: for the past 30 years the practice of medicine has been revolutionised.

Given this interest in medicine, the general public's expectation of what doctors can achieve and the encouraging story which can be told about medical evolution, the dullness of most medical textbooks is surprising.

The Cambridge Illustrated History of Medicine is an exception to this rule. Edited by Roy Porter, it is written in straightforward, easily understood but not patronising English by a team of writers who seem to have ensured that every page contains fascinating details of the history of disease and the way in which society has attempted to deal with it.

The book is not only an

Learning's progress: French anatomy text, circa 1840

tives, together with its role in a changing society and its limitations, to the inevitable point when the ever increasing expectations of the public can no longer be met.

The survey starts in 9,000 BC. When human beings were hunter-gatherers, wandering in small family groups, infectious diseases didn't pose much risk to their health. Once farming became established and people began to live in static communities, they became prey to pathological organisms and epidemics. The doctor's role was firmly assured after the first towns became established around 4,000 BC; the overcrowding associated with urban life has always guaranteed a ready supply of patients, and the medical profession, however parlous it has sometimes been, has never looked back.

Doctors may have been, as Roy Porter suggests, impotent from the time of Greek civilisation to the First World War, but they had a simple role: to limit the damage caused by disease and gross disability, to ensure when possible a live birth and to ease pain.

Since then the situation has changed. For at least a generation scientific medicine has triumphed over disease in way which would have been thought impossible even after the Second World War. Society will now have to decide what it requires of doctors in the future, what it can afford, and how it will control those doctors whose scientific lust has made them lose sight of basic human values.

Patients' hearts may benefit from the diagnostic power of thalium scanning but they will certainly benefit, too, from the kindly words and concern of any operator of the machinery: medicine is always changing but human nature remains the same. Gaelen understood his patients' needs and cosseted their fragile pysches in the 2nd century AD — patients are no

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King Alfred's Winchester, *
King's Coll London, Q450
Liverpool Hope, Q400
Manchester, QR48
Middlesex, *
Nene Coll, *
Staffordshire, *
Sunderland, R1Q4, L8Q4, V1Q4, M1Q4, C8Q4, L3Q4
Thames Valley, YQ34
Wolverhampton, Q400, Y401

AFRICAN/ CARIBBEAN/ASIAN STUDIES

De Montfort, Y300
Edge Hill, LT35, LT85, TV51, MNL3
Hull, T500
North London, LT35
Sheffield, T500, TN51, TT45

ANCIENT HISTORY

Keele, LV1D, FVXD, RV1D, LV8D, V100, VV7D, MV1D
Lampeter, *
Newcastle, V110
Reading, V110, VV61, V113

ANTHROPOLOGY

Brunel, LP63, LL36
Durham Uni Stockton, B001, L600
East London, L602
Goldsmiths Coll, LL36
Lampeter, *
Newcastle, V110

ARCHAEOLOGY

Bournemouth, F400
Bradford, V600, V603, V601, V602, F49C, F4CX
East London, FN44
Exeter, V600
Glasgow, V602, FV86, FV66
King Alfred's Winchester, *
Lampeter, *
Leicester, LV36
Nene, *
Newcastle, V600, Q810
Newport, QV36, FV96, VT62, LV86, VV16, BV66
Reading, VV64
Trinity Col Carmarthen, QV36, QV56, V600, VV16, VW64, VV68

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Central England, K100, K1F9, K1L3
De Montfort, K100, KK14
Derby, K101
Dundee, K100
East London, K100
Greenwich, K100
Kingston, K100
Leeds Met, K236
Lincs & Humberside, K100
Luton, *
Norh London, K100
Plymouth, K101, K100
Robert Gordon, K100, K1T2, K236, K1W2
Sheffield Hallam K236
South Bank, K100, K108
Southampton Inst, K236
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Teesside, W235
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ART & DESIGN

Aberystwyth, W150
Anglia, WV24, PW32, GW12, WV94, WG25
Blackpool Col, E210, E216, E217
Bolton Inst, W900, W200, W150
Bournemouth, H672, W235
Canterbury Christ Church Col, WG15, WG11, WW13
Central England WT30
Central Lancashire, E100
Cheltenham & Gloucester, W100
Chichester Inst, W1X9
Colchester Inst, W200
Cumbria Col, W610, W210, W100, W900
De Montfort, E210, E610, Y301, WN18
Derby, W100
East London, *
Edge Hill, PW32, QW32
Hertfordshire, W100, E100, WW12, EW12, W210, E120, PJ55, W230, E230
Huddersfield, W225
Lincs & Humberside, W235
London Guildhall, W204
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Luton, W211, *
Nene Coll, W212, *
Newcastle, W150
Newport, W210
North London, *
Northumbria, W201
Nottingham Trent, W431
Oxford Brookes, W100
Plymouth, H7N1, W100
Portsmouth, W900
Reading, VW41
Robert Gordon, W230
Salford, W210
Southampton Inst, V400, N812, N813, W211
Staffordshire, *
Sunderland, W900
Surrey Inst, W230, W235, V480
Swansea Inst, W100, W211, W151, W233, W212, W210
Teesside, E100, W210
Uni Col St Martin, W100
Uni Col Suffolk, *
Westminster, W610

APPLIED LANGUAGE/ STUDIES

Brighton, T900
Portsmouth, Q140
Roehampton Inst, *
Thames Valley, RRC2, RRC4, RR12, RR14, RR16, RR24, RR26, QR31, QR32, QR34, QR36
Wolverhampton, T900

ART HISTORY

Aberdeen, V400, V4W5, V4M9
Aberystwyth, *
Anglia, V400, PV34, QV14, GV14, MV14, LV44, CV84
Bolton Inst, E490
Brighton, V460, V451
Buckingham, V440, VQ41
Central Lancashire, V4P4
Leeds Metropolitan, V400
Leicester, V408
London Inst, V400
Middlesex, *
Northumbria, W101, W151
Plymouth, *
Reading, EV14
Staffordshire, *
Sunderland, QV34, VR41, VR42, VV14, MV14, CV84, VV84, LV34
Sussex, V4Y2, V4Q4, V4T2
Teesside, V480
UWIC, V400

BANKING

Bangor, N340
Bournemouth, M345

BIOLOGICAL IMAGING

Derby, CW12

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Abertay Dundee, N100
Aston, FN11, GN51, NR11, NR12, GN11, LN41
Bangor Normal Col, L4N1
Bolton Inst, N150
Buckinghamshire Col, N1F9, N122, N120
Central England, N130, N150, N1M3, N1N3, N1N4, N1N5
Coventry, N150
De Montfort, N122
Derby, N240
Farnborough, N122
Greenwich, N122, NT19, N1T9
Hertfordshire, GN42
King Alfred's Winchester, N150
Linc & Humberside, GN5C, LN1C, NN13, GNND, MN31, N1TY, NR1D, NR1G, NR1K, N170
London Guildhall, N122
Luton, *
Middlesex, N122H
Nene Coll, *, N150
Newport, N150
North London, N150, G710
Northumbria, N150C, N150L, N140, N172
Nottingham Trent, NF19
Robert Gordon, N122
Roehampton Inst, *
South Bank, N150
Southampton Inst, N122
Staffordshire, N150
Sunderland, N122
Swansea Inst, N150
Thames Valley, N122
Uni Col Suffolk, N122
West of England, N100
Wolverhampton, N141

BUSINESS LAW

Bournemouth, M340
Coventry, M340, M333
Huddersfield, M300
London Guildhall, M340
North London, *
Southampton Inst, NM13
Stirling, M340
Wolverhampton, Y401

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Barnsley Col, N100
Central England, N102
Central Lancashire, N100
Cranfield Uni Silsoe, N1F9
East Anglia, N100
European Business School, N1T2
Glamorgan, N100, GG57
Leeds Metropolitan, G562
Liverpool John Moores, N2G5
Napier, N122
Nene, *
Newcastle, D202
Wolverhampton, P700

BUSINESS STUDIES/ BUSINESS ECONOMICS

Aberdeen, N122
Abertay Dundee, N120, N130
Aberystwyth, L112
Bolton Inst, N100
Bournemouth, N120
Brighton, N120
Brunel Uni Col, N1W1, N1G5, W1N1, F9N1, Q3N1, N1W5, L8N1, F6N1, NV11, L8NC, W3N1, V8N1, X8NC
Buckingham, N120, N1P7, N1G5
Buckinghamshire Col, N100
Central England, N120, NN14, NT12, NK14
Central Lancashire, N120, NT19, N1G5, 001N, N100, Y400
City, N120
Coventry, L112, N120, N1RC, N1R2, N1R4, HN11, G560, GN41, GN51
Croydon Col, NN43
De Montfort, N120, N121
Dundee, GL40
East London, G520, N120, NN41, LN6C, CN1D
European Business School, N145
Glamorgan, N120, N122, N160
Glasgow Caledonian, L112, N120, N1G5
Gyosei Int Col, N100, N1L3, N1T9
Greenwich, N120, NTC9, N1TX, NN15
Hertfordshire, L112, NN41, Y100
Heriot Watt, LN11, NN1H
Huddersfield, N1T9, N120, 421N, 15NG
King Alfred's Winchester, *
Leeds Met, G520, G730
Lincs & Humberside, N120, NG1M, LN11, N300, M340, NN1M
London Guildhall, L112
London Inst, NP13
Luton, *
Middlesex, *
Napier, N150
Nene Coll, N120
Nescot, N120, N128
Newport, NN14, MN31,
North London, *
Northumbria, N120C, N120N, N1T9N
Nottingham Trent, L112
Oxford Brookes, N140
Paisley, LN11, N100, GN54, GN55, GT72, G720
Plymouth, L112, N550, N120
Portsmouth, N128, L112, N120, N140
Queen Margaret Col, N550
Reading, L112
Robert Gordon, N100, N150
Roehampton Inst, *
Salford, L112, N120
Sheffield Hallam, NJ19, N801, N121
South Bank, N120, G720, N1T9
Southampton Inst, N120
Staffordshire, N120, N110, LN14, N1N2, N1P7, N122, N105, N121, G710
Stirling, G710, N120
Surrey, L112
Sunderland, NG15, N103, L112, NR11, NL18, NR16, NR12, N130, MN31, NN15, N101, N120, NM11, NC18, NL13, N123
Swansea Inst, N120
Teesside, L112, N120
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Uni Coll Suffolk, *
Westminster, N900, LN11, 421N
West of England, N120, C9N1, N140, G520
Wolverhampton, 421N, N121, Y401, L1N1
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Central Lancashire, N1G5, GN51, 265G
Cheltenham and Gloucester Col, GNNC, GN5C, GF59, GNMH, VG85, G525, G5F9
De Montfort, G521
Greenwich, G9N1
Hertfordshire, G710
Lincs & Humberside, G520
Liverpool John Moores, G522
Luton, *
Manchester Met, G720
Middlesex, *
Nene Col, G521
Newport, GN71
Plymouth, G561
Roehampton Inst, *
Sheffield Hallam, G932, NJ19
Swansea Inst, G710
UWIC, G561
West of England, G562
Westminster, NP27
Wolverhampton, GN51

CARIBBEAN STUDIES

North London, *

CELTIC

Aberdeen, Q500
Aberystwyth, Q500

CHINESE

Luton, *
Sheffield, T310, TN31

CHURCH STUDIES

Roehampton Inst, *

CLASSICS

Keele, QR81, QV8C, MQC8, QW83, QV87, MQ18
Kent, Q820
Lampeter, *
Leeds, Q820
Newcastle, Q800
North London, *
Reading, QV81, Q810, QV84, QM81, QL83, Q8Q3, Q800
St Mary's Uni Coll, CQ18, QQ58, GQ18

COMBINED STUDIES (SOCIAL STUDIES)

Aberdeen, Y450
Anglia, Y600
Central Lancashire, Y400
De Montfort, Y400
Glamorgan, Y400, Y401, Y402
Grantham Coll, NF19
Hertfordshire, Y100, Y108, Y109, L322
Lampeter, Y400
Leicester, Y300
Lincs & Humberside, Y400
London Guildhall, Y400
Manchester Metropolitan, Y420
Middlesex, Y400
North London, Y300, Y301, Y400, Y600
Thames Valley, Y400
Uni Coll Chester, Y400
Uni Coll Suffolk, Y100, Y400
Warrington Collegiate Inst, Y400
Wolverhampton, Y401

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Anglia, PN31, PL31, PQ33, PQ31, PV37, PR31, PL38, PR32, PV31, PR33, PG31, PW33, PM31, PR34, GP53, DP23, FP63, FP33, PG35, HP6H
Bournemouth, P300
Brunel, P310
Colchester Inst, PQ33, PV31, PL33
Coventry, P310
Central England, P301
Central Lancashire, P360, Y400
East London, P300, NP43, LP63, CP13, HP23
Edge Hill, PP34
Glamorgan, P300
Lincs & Humberside, P300, NP53, PT39, CP83, PR31, PR32, PR34
Manchester, X960
Manchester Metropolitan, P310
Middlesex, *
North London, LP63, LN61, LW64, LW65
Ripon & York, P3P4
Robert Gordon, P3T9
Southampton Inst, P300
Staffordshire, N140
Sunderland, P300
Wolverhampton, P300, BQ61

COMMUNITY STUDIES

Bolton Inst, *
Central Lancashire, LL35, LL3M, Y400
Edge Hill, LL35
Huddersfield, X920
Liverpool John Moores, L520
Luton, *
Northern Coll, X920
St Mark & St John Coll, L5M9, L5X8, L5P3, L520
Uni Col St Martin, LW51
West of England, L520

COMPUTING AND PRODUCT DESIGN/ TECHNOLOGY

Aston, NG45
Bolton Inst, G500
Bournemouth, W230, W230Y
Central Lancashire, *
Roehampton Inst, GN59, CG15, NG15, GX59, GQ53, GF59, GR51, GL58, BG95, GV51, GC5C, GL54, GL53, GR54, GV58, GM59, DG27
South Bank, GH57, GJ59, G501
Staffordshire, H771
Sunderland, G500

CONSUMER STUDIES

Leeds Met, N980
Liverpool John Moores, N980
Manchester Met, N984, N550, N750
North London, *
Northumbria, JD44
Queen Margaret Col, N980
Robert Gordon, N980
Roehampton Inst, *
Salford, N750, H703

COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT

Aberdeen, D2NV
Anglia, D255
Central Lancashire, F9D2
Cheltenham and Gloucester Coll, D255, D2Q3, D2F9, D2F6, D2L8, D2N1, D2F8, D2XV
Coventry, X8D9
Hertfordshire, F920
Sheffield Hallam, DX28
Wolverhampton, F910

CREATIVE STUDIES/ WRITING

Bolton Inst, *
Dartington, W433, W4ND, W4WJ, W434, W435
Glamorgan, W900
Liverpool John Moores, *
Manchester Metropolitan, W430
Middlesex, Q312T
Plymouth, W433
Sunderland, W341
Teesside, WG25

CRIMINOLOGY

Bangor, M330, MR31, MR3C, MR32, MR38
Coventry, M340
Central England, M330, M390
Glamorgan, M330
Lincs & Humberside, M331, M330, CM83, LM43, LM53
Liverpool John Moores, *
Middlesex, L380E
Portsmouth, M330
Teesside, L3M3
Thames Valley, M390

CULTURAL STUDIES

Aberdeen, V900, V9W5
Brighton, LV61
Central Lancashire, Q400, Y400
East London, L610, FL4P, CL1P, LNP1, HL2P, LPP3
King Alfred's Winchester, *
North London, LP63, LN61 LW64, LW65
Ripon & York, L6V9, L6L3
Staffordshire, *
Teesside, LV69
Uni Col Suffolk, YF39, YQ32, YP34
West of England, L6P3

DESIGN STUDIES

Bournemouth, H680
Central Lancashire, H770, H772, H771, W231, Y400
Hertfordshire, W210, W230, W290
Newport, W240
Salford, W230, W200, W235
Staffordshire, W290, W290, *
Sunderland, 0000C
Surrey Inst, V480, W230
Teesside, E460, W2N5, W210
Thames Valley, W253

DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

Central Lancashire, Y400
Coventry, LL49, L8M9
Derby, M9200
East London, *
Staffordshire, *
St Mark & St John Coll, M9L5, M9L8, M9V1, M9P3, M9L3

DRAMA

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Brunel Uni Col, W4W1, W4N4, FW94, QW34, W4W5, LW84, FW64, VW14, L8W4, WX48, WW34, VW84
Cheltenham & Gloucester Coll, W400
East London, W400
Edge Hill, PW34, QW34
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King Alfred's Winchester, *
Nene Coll, *
Uni Col Chester, W4*

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ECONOMICS

Aberdeen, L100, RL11, RL21
Abertay Dundee, L100, L110
Aberystwyth, L100, LN14, LN15
Anglia, LV14, LQ13, LQ11, LV17, LR11, LL18, LR12, LW12, LV11, LR13, LW13, LL13, LR14
Bangor, L100, N1L1
Bradford, L100
Brunel, LM1C, LM11, LMCD
Buckingham, L100, L112, L1M1, L1R1, L1R4
Central England, L100, L1M3, L1N1, L1N4
Central Lancashire, Y400
City, L100, LN14
Coventry, L100, LR11, LR12, LM13, LK14, L160
De Montfort, L100, LM11, LL17, LL13, L1G9
Derby, L112, L113
Dundee, L101, L160
East Anglia, L1T2
East London, *
Goldsmiths Col, LM11
Greenwich, L114
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Heriot Watt, L100, LN11, LN13, LN14
Huddersfield, L100
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Kingston, K250
Leeds Metropolitan, L100
Lincs & Humberside, LN13, LN15, LM13, LL14, JL91
Liverpool John Moores, *
London Guildhall, L100
Luton, *
Manchester Met, L100, L101, L103, L102, L149, HLP1, FL91, LT12, LL18, LT19, HL71, FL21, JL41
Middlesex, L100E
Nene Coll, *
Northumbria, L100
Nottingham Trent, L100, L102, LL18
Oxford Brookes, *
Paisley, N800
Plymouth, *
Portsmouth, LN11, VV13, L100, LL18
Queen Mary & Westfield, LG1C
Plymouth, *
Reading, L100, L140
Salford, L100, L101
South Bank, LT12, LM13
Staffordshire, L100
Stirling, L100, L108
Sunderland, L100, NL41, FL11, GL51, LR11, LL18, LR16, LR12, LV11, LG11, LV17, LB11, LM11, LC18, LL13
Surrey, L100, LLCH
Sussex, V300, L1T5, L1T2, L1M9, L1G5, L1MY, L1V3, L1RC, L1G1
Thames Valley, L100, L1R1, L1R2, L1R4
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Wolverhampton, L100, L101, L1N1, Y100, Y401
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EDUCATION (PRIMARY)

Aberystwyth, *
Bretton Hall, XF59, XF29
Brighton, X200, X400, E7N1, XW62, X7W2
Brunel, X500
Brunel Uni Col, X500
Bishop Grosseteste Col, X2W3, X4W3
Central England X500
Chichester Inst, W1X9, W4X9, Q3X9, L8X9, V1X9, XG31, XG61, W3X9, V8X9, XY31, XY61
De Montfort, X500
Goldsmiths Coll, X300, X400
Greenwich, X501, XQ53, XG51, XY51
King Alfred's Winchester, *
Moray House Inst, X500
Newport, X500
Northern Coll, X500A, X500D
Plymouth, X3W9, X6W9, X3Q3, X6Q3, X3L8, X6L8, X3V1, X6V1, X3G1, X6G1, X3W3, X6W3, X3X8, X6X8
Reading, X5L8, X5W3, X5C1, X5J9
Roehampton Inst, *
Sheffield Hallam, XG51, XF58, XQ53, Q3V1
South Bank, X500, X501
St Mark & St John Coll, X5V1, X5V8, X5G1, X5Y1, X7W2
Sunderland, X600, X501
Uni Coll Scarborough, XW52, XG51, XW53
Wolverhampton, X701

EDUCATION (SECONDARY)

Aberystwyth, *
Anglia, XR71, XY71
Bangor Normal Col, W2X7
Brighton, XQ63, XG61, XV68, XY61, XW62, XF79, XG71, X7W2, E7N1, XW62, X7W2
Brunel, Y1X7, X7X8, X7XV, X7XW, X701
Brunel Uni Col, X7X8, X8XV, X7XW, X701
Chichester Inst, XG71, XG7C
De Montfort, XX78
Edge Hill, X7N1, X7Y1
Exeter, XG71, XF79
Goldsmiths Coll, X7W2
Greenwich, XW72, XW74, XW7K, XW71, XG71, XY71
Hertfordshire, F9XT, G1X7
King Alfred's Winchester, X7W2, XW72
Leeds Met, XG71, XW7G, XG7C, XW7F, XG61
Liverpool John Moores, XX7V, H7W2
Manchester Metropolitan, X700, XF71, XG7C, XG71, XF73
Middlesex, Y400
Moray House Inst, JX97
Newman Col, XQ73
North London, XG71
Northern Coll, XW73, G1X7
Northumbria, XF73, XG71, XN71, XR71, XR72, XR74, XW72, Y400
Nottingham Trent, X7N1, X7W2, X7G1, X7Y1
Portsmouth, XY71
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Sunderland, XN71, XN7C, XQ73, XL78, XR71, XR72, XW73, XV78, XW72, XW7F, XG75
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Bangor, XX98, VX19, GX19, VX89, LX49, QX59
Bretton Hall, XW93, LX39
Brighton, E7N1, E7NC
Central Lancashire, Y400
De Montfort, Y300
Durham Uni Stockton, LX39
East London, XL95, NX49, LX6X, FX49, CX19, NX19, HX29, PX39, LXP9, LX19,
Glasgow, H111
King Alfred's Winchester, *
Luton, *
Middlesex, *
Nene Coll, *
North London, XC91, XF91, XG90, XG91, XF93, XL94, XL93, XG94, XG71
Northumbria, X900, X930, X940
Nottingham Trent, X508, X920
Roehampton Inst, *
Stirling, *
Stockport Coll, X945, X960
Swansea Inst, XN71
Uni Col Suffolk, *
Wolverhampton, Y401
Worcester Col, CX19, XQ93, XF99, XL98, XV91, XG95, XM97, NX19

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Aberdeen, Q300, Q3W5, Q314, Q3M9
Anglia, Q300, QV17, QR11, QL18, QR12, QV11, QR13, QM13, QW13, QM11, LQ41, QL13, QR14, QM19, QQ13, QV37, QR31, LQ83, QR32, QW32, QV31, RQ33, QW33, QL33, QR34
Bangor, Q300, QR31, QR30, QR32, QV31, QQ13, QV38, QR38, LQ43, LQ33
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Brunel Uni Col, Q3N4, Q3W1, Q3W5, LQ83, FQ63, QV31, L8QH, QX38, QW33, QV38, QX3V
Buckingham, Q300, QV31, QV34, Q3X9, Q1Q3, Q3C8
Central England, Q300
Cheltenham and Gloucester Col, Q3V1, Q3V8, Q3W9
Chichester Inst, QW39, QW34, QF39, QL38, QV31, QW33, QV38
Colchester Inst, QV31, QL33
De Montfort, Q310
East Anglia, Q200
Glamorgan, Q301
Huddersfield, Q300, QV31, QP33
King Alfred's Winchester, *
Lampeter, *
LSU Southampton, Q310, Q3T2, Q3R1, Q3R2, Q3V1, Q3M1, Q3L7, Q3L3, Q3V8
Luton, *
Manchester Metropolitan, Q300
Middlesex, *
Nene, *
Newport, QL38, GQ53, VV18, BQ63
Northumbria, QM39, QV31
North London, *
Nottingham Trent, QK34
Oxford Brookes, V130
Plymouth, *
Portsmouth, Q210, QW39
Roehampton Inst, Q340
Salford, Q300, Q310, Q3V1, QR31, QR32
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Hertfordshire, M300, Y100
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Napier, M391
Nene Col, M300, *
North London, M300
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Plymouth, M300
Sheffield Hallam, M300
Southampton Inst, M300
South Bank, M300, CM83, MR34
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Swansea Inst, M300
Teesside, M300
Thames Valley, M300, MR31, MR32, MR34, M311, M310, M312
West of England, M300, M3R1, M3R2, M3R4, MT3Y, RM13, RM23, RM43, MT3X, MT39
Westminster, M3R1, M3R4
Wolverhampton, Y401

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Buckinghamshire Col, X862, X860, 086X
Coventry, X860
Edge Hill, X860
Luton, X860
North London, PX7V, *
Portsmouth, NX88
Salford, X860
Scottish Agricultural Col, N780
South Bank, X860
Southampton Inst, X860
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Blackpool & the Fylde Col, HN11
Brighton, N112, NR11, NL14, NPC7, K215
Brunel, N101, N102, N103, NM1H, NM1J, NM13
Central England, N720
Central Lancashire, N100
City, N100, G4NC, G4N1, G4ND
Cranfield RMCS, NN19
De Montfort, G91N, GL91, W9N1, WN21
Edge Hill, N126
Exeter, GN52
Glamorgan, N550, N620
Glasgow Caledonian, N100, N140
Greenwich, N100, N220, N611
Huddersfield, N100
Hull, NN12, N141, LN11
Keele, GN11, FN31, NR1V
Lampeter, *
Lincs & Humberside, NP1R, N100
London Inst, N553
Luton, *
Middlesex, N400H, Y400
Napier, N800, H111
Nene Col, *
North London, *
Northumbria, N130
Nottingham Trent, N619, N618, N611
Portsmouth, N126
Reading, N140
Roehampton Inst, N550, N120
Scarborough Uni Col, N122
South Bank, GN51, GN11, HN71, CN81, GG17
Staffordshire, K240, W290
Stirling, N106
Teesside, N100, N154
UMIST, NF11, J4N1, NF11, K285
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Aston, N500
Bolton Inst, *
Buckingham, N5R1, N5R4
Central England, N500
Central Lancashire, N500
Cranfield Uni Silsoe, N5D4
De Montfort, Y400
Edge Hill, N501
Glamorgan, N500, N5T9
Greenwich, N501
Huddersfield, N500, N555, N5T9
Lincs & Humberside, N500, NR51, NR52, NT59, BN45, CN85, NR54
Liverpool John Moores, *
Luton, N500
Middlesex, N500H
Napier, NN15
North London, *
Northumbria, N550
Paisley, N500
Roehampton Inst, NT59
South Bank, N500, N5W2
Southampton Inst, N500, N5W2
Staffordshire, N500, N510
Stirling, N500

THE LEADING 100 ENTRIES IN THE TIMES INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET GAME

Pos	Team (Player's name)	Pts
1	Eatons Goats 2 (J Eaton)	17,583
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3	Opportunists 3rd XI (P Stewart)	17,264
4	Spread Eaglets 3rd XI (P Stewart)	17,230
5	Scoffshire A (P Schofield)	17,226
6	Kalb's Corkers 2 (N Kalb)	17,010
7	Eatons Goats 3 (J Eaton)	17,000
8	Opportunists 4th XI (P Stewart)	16,966
9	KP Allstars 3 (P R Patel)	16,943
10	Teddy 3 (B Bear)	16,910
11	Cheadle High School (M Roberts)	16,903
12	The Run Rats (L Tattoo)	16,894
13	Primeshire (C Holburn)	16,823
14	Wakering Wonders (D Brunt)	16,783
15	The Ton Machine (N Kalb)	16,758
16	Bowled Marilyn (H Paul)	16,748
17	Heavens 5th XI (R J Wall)	16,737
18	Taff's Tigers (J Short)	16,646
19	Ataturks (P Stewart)	16,590
20	Barbret Rangers (J S Hutchinson)	16,564
21	Torridge Champs (C Hulbert)	16,558
22	Caroline 1 (A Luckhurst)	16,555
23	Hollioakes (M Ward)	16,524
24	Cormans Balls 2 (D Blackburn)	16,509
25=	GB's First XI (G Brooks)	16,488
25=	Torridge Tops (C Hulbert)	16,488
27	Sandwich Stag (I Ellis)	16,454
28	Opportunists 1st XI (P Stewart)	16,444
29	Caroline C (A Luckhurst)	16,439
30	Caroline A (A Luckhurst)	16,433
31	Pannal Beaters (J S Hutchinson)	16,417
32	—	16,391
33	DJN 6 (D J Mead)	16,349
34	Caroline D (A Luckhurst)	16,346
35	O Danny Boys (D J Hornsby)	16,343
36	Stars Wars 3 (C Ali)	16,312
37	Freds Team (R Price)	16,309
38	Likely Lads (L Mallett)	16,287
39	Six Hitters (N Marchant)	16,270
40	Odessey 4 (M Long)	16,259
41	The Crofters (I Hunt)	16,258
42	Odiffy 2 (M Long)	16,254
43	PJM 1 (P J Mead)	16,237
44	Oh Jiffy Six (M Long)	16,236
45	Johnson's First XI (R J Johnson)	16,220
46	Kalb's Corkers 5 (N Kalb)	16,219
47	Wig's Wonders (A Wigley-Jones)	16,202
48	Silly Mid Wickets (J Tracy)	16,181
48	MCM (M Poswal)	16,181
50	Webbies Wombles (A R Howse)	16,166
51	Kalb's Corkers 1 (N Kalb)	16,143
52	Early Birds 3 (M Whitley)	16,138
53	Daves Demonds (D Tattoo)	16,124
54	Eastbrook Wonders (P Rawlins)	16,122
55	Ricardos Marvels (R Williams)	16,101
56	Maxie Walker's XI (A Wright)	16,098
57	Thingy Bob (A Z A Ghani)	16,093
58=	Jones Boys Two (M Jones)	16,068
58=	Amphetamine Kids (M Eves)	16,068
60	Spike Thomas XI (T E Webb)	16,022
61	Haye Bales Of A Time (J R Stanley)	16,010
62	Makas XI (N Evans)	16,000
63	Kims Kavliers (K Dowsell)	15,999
64	MJS Team 1 (R Stent)	15,994
65	Jones Boys One (M L Jones)	15,987
66	Lindos Loosers (L Tattoo)	15,979
67	Flame Start (A Medlock)	15,976
68	Taunton A (J Hunt)	15,973
69	Odisey Three (M Long)	15,967
70	The Lynwood Lollies (D Tattoo)	15,966
71=	Grasshoppers (S Timmins)	15,955
71=	Porridge County (C Hulbert)	15,955
73	The Spotted Dog (A Hibberd)	15,953
74	The Islanders (G Evans)	15,952
75	Wednesdayshire (A Hibberd)	15,951
76	Adiffy 1 (M Long)	15,940
77	The Runwicks (J Davenport)	15,938
78	Martina McBride (S Vale)	15,914
79	Oakey Allstars 8 (S Roberts)	15,910
80	John Hunt XI (J Hunt)	15,869
81	Hunt 4 $10,000 A (J Hunt)	15,866
82	Nutkin CC (M Hawkins)	15,858
83	I Have A Dream (M Squires)	15,837
84	West Enders (A R Howse)	15,828
85	Tooting Caveners (N Redlemer)	15,824
86	Hunt 4 $10,000 F (J Hunt)	15,819
87	Jones XI Wonders (M Jaseja)	15,810
88	Bertie's Allsorts 11 (B E Howes)	15,796
89	GT Old Boys (M A Trowell)	15,795
90	Duck Donald (H Paul)	15,788
91	— (D Akhtar)	15,786
92	Charlie 3 (C Webb)	15,781
93	Essex Are Back (A Medlock)	15,776
94	Perth Finders A (P Stewart)	15,760
95	Breakfast Boys (J Goodman)	15,755
96	Heavens Fourth XI (R J Wall)	15,744
97	Teddy Four (B Spare)	15,743
98	Willow Wanderers (P R Stewart)	15,730
98	Teddy Two (B Bear)	15,730
100	Pavilion Primos (S Timmins)	15,712

INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET SCOREBOARD

The scores in brackets are the points scored in the last week: the other scores are the cumulative points scored *since the start of the season. The figures include all* matches completed by September 2. Overseas players are shown in **bold type**. Rising Stars in *italic*.

Batsmen (001-135)

Player (No)	Runs	Wkts	Total
C J Adams (001)	1454 (124)	0 (0)	1454 (124)
G F Archer (002)	671 (34)	0 (0)	671 (34)
M A Atherton (003)	939 (0)	1 (0)	959 (0)
C W J Athey (004)	941 (119)	0 (0)	941 (119)
M Azharuddin (005)	439 (0)	0 (0)	439 (0)
R J Bailey (006)	500 (0)	2 (0)	540 (0)
K J Barnett (007)	1227 (114)	11 (0)	1447 (114)
M R Benson (008)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
M G Bevan (009)	1225 (0)	4 (0)	1305 (0)
D J Bicknell (010)	749 (55)	15 (0)	1049 (55)
D A Blenkiron (011)	302 (6)	4 (4)	382 (86)
P D Bowler (012)	1077 (27)	1 (0)	1097 (27)
N E Briers (013)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
A D Brown (014)	555 (3)	0 (0)	555 (3)
D Byas (015)	856 (27)	0 (0)	856 (27)
S L Campbell (016)	1006 (45)	0 (0)	1006 (45)
J D Carr (017)	733 (14)	0 (0)	733 (14)
M J Church (018)	280 (0)	9 (0)	460 (0)
P A Cottey (019)	1311 (95)	4 (0)	1391 (95)
G R Cowdrey (020)	490 (0)	1 (0)	510 (0)
J P Crawley (021)	889 (113)	0 (0)	889 (113)
C D Crowe (022)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
R J Cunliffe (023)	252 (0)	0 (0)	252 (0)
T S Curtis (024)	817 (8)	2 (1)	857 (28)
J A Daley (025)	366 (69)	0 (0)	366 (69)
A J Dalton (026)	37 (0)	0 (0)	37 (0)
R I Dawson (027)	*120 (41)*	*1 (0)*	*140 (41)*
M P Dowman (028)	230 (37)	0 (0)	230 (37)
N H Fairbrother (029)	838 (94)	0 (0)	838 (94)
A Flintoff (030)	2 (0)	0 (0)	2 (0)
A Fordham (031)	502 (0)	0 (0)	502 (0)
D P Fulton (032)	829 (26)	1 (0)	849 (26)
J E R Gallian (033)	1013 (57)	15 (3)	1313 (117)
M W Gatting (034)	775 (91)	0 (0)	775 (91)
N A Gie (035)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
G A Gooch (036)	1474 (45)	2 (1)	1514 (65)
K Greenfield (037)	748 (31)	0 (0)	748 (31)
A Habib (038)	743 (0)	0 (0)	743 (0)
J W Hall (039)	330 (0)	0 (0)	330 (0)
T H C Hancock (040)	709 (0)	0 (0)	709 (0)
R J Harden (041)	504 (35)	1 (0)	524 (35)
M E Harvey (042)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
A N Hayhurst (043)	224 (0)	1 (0)	244 (0)
G R Haynes (044)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
D L Hemp (045)	222 (40)	4 (0)	302 (40)
G A Hick (046)	1071 (39)	5 (0)	1171 (39)
A J Hollioake (047)	1145 (0)	11 (0)	1365 (0)
N Hussain (048)	1110 (196)	0 (0)	1110 (196)
S Hutton (049)	660 (23)	0 (0)	660 (23)
Ijaz Ahmed (050)	684 (0)	0 (0)	684 (0)
Inzamam-ul-Haq (051)	792 (0)	0 (0)	792 (0)
S P James (052)	1414 (6)	0 (0)	1414 (6)
P Johnson (053)	797 (89)	0 (0)	797 (89)
D M Jones (054)	1221 (9)	9 (0)	1401 (9)
V Kambli (055)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
M Keech (056)	755 (25)	0 (0)	755 (25)
W S Kendall (057)	769 (42)	0 (0)	769 (42)
G J Kennis (058)	3 (0)	0 (0)	3 (0)
W G Khan (059)	565 (14)	0 (0)	565 (14)
N V Knight (060)	939 (0)	0 (0)	939 (0)
J S Laney (061)	809 (0)	0 (0)	809 (0)
M N Lathwell (062)	967 (13)	1 (0)	987 (13)
S G Law (063)	1361 (0)	7 (0)	1501 (0)
D A Leatherdale (064)	*328 (0)*	*8 (0)*	*488 (0)*
N J Lenham (065)	707 (54)	3 (1)	767 (74)
J J B Lewis (066)	230 (35)	0 (0)	230 (35)
N J Llong (067)	622 (56)	11 (0)	842 (56)
G D Lloyd (068)	947 (0)	0 (0)	947 (0)
J I Longley (069)	6 (0)	0 (0)	6 (0)
M B Loye (070)	603 (0)	0 (0)	603 (0)
M A Lynch (071)	357 (15)	0 (0)	357 (15)
G I Macmillan (072)	166 (37)	2 (0)	206 (37)
D L Maddy (073)	813 (47)	4 (0)	893 (47)
S V Manjrekar (074)	540 (0)	0 (0)	540 (0)
M P Maynard (075)	1297 (0)	0 (0)	1297 (0)
A McGrath (076)	*909 (34)*	*0 (0)*	*909 (34)*
A A Metcalfe (077)	771 (19)	0 (0)	771 (19)
A J Moles (078)	779 (23)	0 (0)	779 (23)
R R Montgomerie (079)	999 (25)	0 (0)	999 (25)
T M Moody (080)	1326 (16)	20 (6)	1726 (136)
H Morris (081)	1369 (94)	0 (0)	1369 (94)
J E Morris (082)	423 (13)	0 (0)	423 (13)
R S M Morris (083)	195 (0)	0 (0)	195 (0)
M D Moxon (084)	862 (82)	0 (0)	862 (82)
K Newell (085)	199 (33)	1 (0)	219 (33)
T J G O'Gorman (086)	527 (109)	0 (0)	527 (109)
D P Ostler (087)	851 (9)	0 (0)	851 (9)
J E Owen (088)	499 (0)	0 (0)	499 (0)
K A Parsons (089)	253 (0)	2 (0)	293 (0)
T L Penney (090)	1022 (65)	0 (0)	1022 (65)
P R Pollard (091)	671 (0)	0 (0)	671 (0)
J C Pooley (092)	824 (112)	0 (0)	824 (112)
P J Prichard (093)	757 (73)	0 (0)	757 (73)
M R Ramprakash (094)	1122 (154)	2 (0)	1162 (154)
J D Ratcliffe (095)	494 (63)	5 (0)	594 (63)
D D J Robinson (096)	738 (0)	0 (0)	738 (0)
P E Robinson (097)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
R T Robinson (098)	1145 (22)	0 (0)	1145 (22)
A S Rollins (099)	869 (80)	0 (0)	869 (80)
M A Roseberry (100)	714 (43)	0 (0)	714 (43)
Saeed Anwar (101)	1224 (0)	0 (0)	1224 (0)
O A Shah (102)	*108 (55)*	*0 (0)*	*108 (55)*
N Shahid (103)	427 (18)	3 (0)	487 (18)
Salim Malik (104)	450 (0)	1 (0)	470 (0)
D J Sales (105)	*247 (12)*	*0 (0)*	*247 (12)*
N S Sidhu (106)	171 (0)	0 (0)	171 (0)
P V Simmons (107)	920 (27)	43 (6)	1780 (147)
A Singh (108)	*718 (0)*	*0 (0)*	*718 (0)*
B F Smith (109)	1124 (48)	0 (0)	1124 (48)
R A Smith (110)	998 (70)	0 (0)	998 (70)
N J Speak (111)	579 (1)	0 (0)	579 (1)
M P Speight (112)	514 (0)	0 (0)	514 (0)
A J Stewart (113)	939 (0)	0 (0)	939 (0)
I J Sutcliffe (114)	443 (0)	3 (0)	503 (0)
A Symonds (115)	1066 (59)	7 (2)	1206 (99)
N R Taylor (116)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
S R Tendulkar (117)	707 (0)	1 (0)	727 (0)
V P Terry (118)	379 (0)	0 (0)	379 (0)
G P Thorpe (119)	1444 (0)	2 (0)	1484 (0)
S P Titchard (120)	798 (71)	0 (0)	798 (71)
M E Trescothick (121)	598 (38)	0 (0)	598 (38)
T A Tweats (122)	130 (0)	0 (0)	130 (0)
M P Vaughan (123)	941 (13)	15 (3)	1241 (73)
M J Walker (124)	*559 (59)*	*0 (0)*	*559 (59)*
T C Walton (125)	186 (0)	1 (0)	206 (0)
D M Ward (126)	81 (0)	0 (0)	81 (0)
T R Ward (127)	1037 (64)	2 (0)	1077 (64)
A P Wells (128)	1015 (50)	0 (0)	1015 (50)
R M S Weston (129)	29 (0)	0 (0)	29 (0)
W P C Weston (130)	1206 (118)	0 (0)	1206 (118)
G W White (131)	370 (52)	0 (0)	370 (52)
J J Whitaker (132)	842 (33)	0 (0)	842 (33)
P R Whitaker (133)	*458 (0)*	*10 (0)*	*658 (0)*
M G N Windows (134)	421 (10)	0 (0)	421 (10)
A J Wright (135)	415 (0)	0 (0)	415 (0)

All-rounders (150-203)

Player (No)	Runs	Wkts	Total
Aamir Sohail (150)	334 (0)	3 (0)	394 (0)
M W Alleyne (151)	671 (23)	48 (6)	1631 (143)
I D Austin (152)	437 (18)	22 (4)	877 (98)
P Bainbridge (153)	617 (0)	7 (0)	757 (0)
D R Brown (154)	*566 (22)*	*32 (1)*	*1206 (42)*
M A Butcher (155)	1499 (70)	4 (0)	1579 (70)
C L Cairns (156)	911 (20)	31 (1)	1531 (40)
D J Capel (157)	754 (57)	32 (5)	1394 (157)
D G Cork (158)	638 (10)	52 (4)	1678 (90)
R D B Croft (159)	489 (0)	66 (0)	1809 (0)
K M Curran (160)	1054 (65)	11 (1)	1274 (85)
A Dale (161)	555 (98)	7 (3)	695 (158)
P A J DeFreitas (162)	290 (38)	44 (6)	1170 (158)
V C Drakes (163)	379 (52)	42 (2)	1219 (92)
M A Ealham (164)	494 (25)	43 (7)	1354 (165)
S C Ecclestone (165)	*313 (10)*	*0 (0)*	*313 (10)*
K P Evans (166)	410 (58)	30 (4)	1010 (138)
M A Feltham (167)	14 (0)	4 (0)	94 (0)
M V Fleming (168)	820 (39)	15 (3)	1120 (99)
A P Grayson (169)	841 (24)	16 (3)	1161 (84)
O D Gibson (170)	373 (43)	17 (4)	713 (123)
F A Griffith (171)	0 (0)	1 (0)	20 (0)
C L Hooper (172)	1183 (144)	26 (2)	1703 (184)
R C Irani (173)	815 (0)	44 (0)	1695 (0)
A D Jadeja (174)	489 (0)	0 (0)	489 (0)
K D James (175)	738 (5)	30 (5)	1338 (105)
B P Julian (176)	501 (11)	50 (4)	1501 (91)
J H Kallis (177)	128 (0)	6 (0)	248 (0)
S R Lampitt (178)	619 (2)	48 (1)	1579 (22)
S Lee (179)	1006 (50)	33 (3)	1666 (110)
C C Lewis (180)	501 (94)	38 (4)	1261 (174)
G W Mike (181)	25 (0)	4 (0)	105 (0)
A C Morris (182)	*189 (0)*	*4 (0)*	*269 (0)*
Mushtaq Ahmed (183)	118 (0)	41 (0)	938 (0)
D J Nash (184)	15 (0)	1 (0)	35 (0)
A L Penberthy (185)	544 (21)	25 (4)	1044 (101)
S M Pollock (186)	606 (0)	42 (0)	1446 (0)
D A Reeve (187)	351 (0)	9 (0)	531 (0)
G D Rose (188)	408 (0)	50 (2)	1408 (40)
V S Solanki (189)	651 (89)	23 (0)	1111 (89)
A W Smith (190)	23 (0)	0 (0)	23 (0)
N M K Smith (191)	489 (0)	39 (0)	1269 (0)
P A Smith (192)	23 (0)	2 (0)	63 (0)
J N Snape (193)	209 (42)	16 (2)	529 (82)
J P Stephenson (194)	583 (0)	29 (0)	1163 (0)
C M Tolley (195)	209 (70)	12 (5)	449 (170)
Wasim Akram (196)	211 (0)	32 (0)	851 (0)
M Watkinson (197)	547 (10)	27 (2)	1087 (50)
G Welch (198)	161 (9)	28 (3)	721 (69)
C M Wells (199)	590 (0)	9 (0)	770 (0)
V J Wells (200)	1166 (9)	19 (3)	1546 (69)
P N Weekes (201)	843 (52)	29 (1)	1423 (72)
C White (202)	860 (86)	34 (4)	1540 (166)
J R Wileman (203)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)

Wicketkeepers (225-256)

Player (No)	Runs	Wkts	Total
A N Aymes (225)	682 (68)	36 (3)	1402 (128)
R J Blakey (226)	791 (101)	37 (3)	1531 (161)
K R Brown (227)	741 (57)	53 (6)	1801 (177)
M Burns (228)	259 (0)	17 (0)	599 (0)
S P Griffiths (229)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
W K Hegg (230)	664 (64)	52 (4)	1704 (144)
P C L Holloway (231)	277 (0)	6 (0)	397 (0)
G J Kersey (232)	370 (63)	41 (4)	1190 (143)
J A Knott (233)	52 (0)	3 (0)	112 (0)
K M Krikken (234)	690 (0)	56 (4)	1810 (80)
D G C Ligertwood (235)	*357 (37)*	*32 (1)*	*997 (57)*
S A Marsh (236)	418 (23)	30 (4)	1018 (103)
C P Metson (237)	53 (0)	16 (0)	373 (0)
P Moores (238)	711 (30)	42 (4)	1551 (110)
N R Mongia (239)	364 (0)	14 (0)	644 (0)
P A Nixon (240)	757 (23)	51 (4)	1777 (103)
W M Noon (241)	254 (21)	28 (3)	814 (81)
K J Piper (242)	296 (45)	19 (1)	676 (65)
Rashid Latif (243)	232 (0)	21 (0)	652 (0)
S J Rhodes (244)	811 (81)	40 (1)	1611 (101)
D Ripley (245)	384 (56)	20 (5)	784 (156)
R J Rollins (246)	565 (41)	56 (3)	1685 (101)
R C Russell (247)	771 (125)	45 (3)	1671 (185)
N F Sargeant (248)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
C W Scott (249)	208 (0)	20 (0)	608 (0)
A D Shaw (250)	*120 (0)*	*23 (4)*	*580 (80)*
R J Turner (251)	496 (20)	55 (4)	1596 (100)
L N Walker (252)	93 (0)	18 (0)	453 (0)
R J Warren (253)	455 (0)	18 (0)	815 (0)
P Whitticase (254)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
R C J Williams (255)	133 (0)	13 (0)	393 (0)
S C Willis (256)	141 (0)	11 (0)	361 (0)

Bowlers (275-404)

Player (No)	Runs	Wkts	Total
P R Adams (275)	83 (0)	10 (0)	283 (0)
J A Afford (276)	33 (0)	47 (0)	973 (0)
U Afzaal (277)	178 (0)	2 (0)	218 (0)
P Aldred (278)	50 (0)	8 (0)	210 (0)
C E L Ambrose (279)	111 (22)	38 (4)	871 (102)
S J W Andrew (280)	56 (0)	14 (0)	336 (0)
Aqib Javed (281)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
M C J Ball (282)	165 (11)	13 (0)	425 (11)
S R Barwick (283)	34 (0)	5 (0)	134 (0)
S J Base (284)	1 (0)	1 (0)	21 (0)
R T Bates (285)	171 (0)	17 (0)	511 (0)
J D Batty (286)	280 (20)	32 (2)	920 (60)
M A V Bell (287)	0 (0)	6 (0)	120 (0)
J E Benjamin (288)	111 (2)	31 (5)	731 (102)
W K M Benjamin (289)	140 (0)	6 (0)	260 (0)
M M Betts (290)	242 (11)	38 (4)	1002 (91)
M P Bicknell (291)	212 (17)	57 (5)	1352 (117)
S D Birbeck (292)	8 (0)	4 (0)	88 (0)
D J P Boden (293)	1 (0)	1 (0)	21 (0)
J Boiling (294)	79 (0)	9 (0)	259 (0)
J N B Bovill (295)	131 (14)	31 (5)	751 (114)
M T Brimson (296)	47 (1)	34 (1)	727 (21)
J E Brinkley (297)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
S J E Brown (298)	331 (8)	75 (4)	1831 (88)
A R Caddick (299)	141 (17)	55 (3)	1241 (77)
R J Chapman (300)	0 (0)	6 (0)	120 (0)
G Chapple (301)	269 (37)	45 (3)	1169 (97)
J H Childs (302)	1 (0)	19 (0)	381 (0)
V P Clarke (303)	43 (0)	1 (0)	63 (0)
C A Connor (304)	140 (0)	49 (0)	1120 (0)
K E Cooper (305)	5 (0)	5 (0)	105 (0)
D M Cousins (306)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
A P Cowan (307)	120 (0)	31 (0)	740 (0)
D M Cox (308)	*321 (0)*	*24 (0)*	*801 (0)*
R P Davis (309)	279 (50)	23 (0)	739 (50)
J M de la Pena (310)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
N A Derbyshire (311)	0 (0)	1 (0)	20 (0)
R R Dibden (312)	1 (0)	2 (0)	41 (0)
M Dimond (313)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
A D Edwards (314)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
S W K Ellis (315)	56 (0)	11 (0)	276 (0)
S Elworthy (316)	284 (0)	25 (0)	784 (0)
A R C Fraser (317)	221 (9)	46 (10)	1141 (209)
E S H Giddins (318)	55 (0)	48 (0)	1015 (0)
A F Giles (319)	369 (57)	55 (3)	1469 (117)
D Gough (320)	479 (0)	53 (0)	1539 (0)
R J Green (321)	39 (9)	14 (5)	319 (109)
J C Hallett (322)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
G M Hamilton (323)	71 (70)	7 (3)	211 (130)
A J Harris (324)	81 (6)	40 (4)	881 (86)
P J Hartley (325)	462 (22)	52 (2)	1502 (62)
D W Headley (326)	251 (0)	42 (0)	1091 (0)
J E Hindson (327)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
J G Hughes (328)	14 (0)	1 (0)	34 (0)
A P Igglesden (329)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
R K Illingworth (330)	337 (0)	48 (1)	1297 (20)
M C Ilott (331)	243 (32)	48 (4)	1203 (112)
P W Jarvis (332)	164 (0)	19 (0)	544 (0)
R L Johnson (333)	189 (16)	17 (1)	529 (36)
G Keedy (334)	*69 (0)*	*19 (2)*	*449 (40)*
N M Kendrick (335)	35 (0)	17 (0)	375 (0)
S G Kenlock (336)	5 (0)	0 (0)	5 (0)
J I D Kerr (337)	61 (0)	5 (0)	161 (0)
A A Khan (338)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
N Killeen (339)	40 (0)	12 (0)	280 (0)
R J Kirtley (340)	*18 (1)*	*19 (3)*	*398 (61)*
A Kumble (341)	112 (0)	13 (0)	372 (0)
R P Lefebvre (342)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
J Lewis (343)	119 (0)	18 (0)	479 (0)
J D Lewry (344)	138 (0)	41 (0)	958 (0)
M J McCague (345)	314 (0)	66 (8)	1634 (160)
D E Malcolm (346)	95 (0)	72 (4)	1535 (80)
N A Mallender (347)	31 (0)	1 (0)	51 (0)
P J Martin (348)	195 (0)	35 (0)	895 (0)
R S C Martin-Jenkins (349)	*20 (0)*	*1 (0)*	*40 (0)*
R J Maru (350)	230 (71)	13 (2)	490 (111)
S M Milburn (352)	180 (0)	17 (0)	520 (0)
D J Millns (353)	384 (5)	58 (6)	1544 (125)
A D Mullally (354)	174 (0)	57 (0)	1314 (0)
T A Munton (355)	145 (6)	27 (2)	685 (46)
P J Newport (356)	142 (0)	19 (0)	522 (0)
R W Nowell (357)	28 (0)	2 (0)	68 (0)
J Ormond (358)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
G J Parsons (359)	231 (5)	45 (2)	1131 (45)
M M Patel (360)	236 (0)	31 (0)	856 (0)
R M Pearson (361)	134 (0)	28 (0)	694 (0)
D B Pennett (362)	27 (0)	7 (0)	167 (0)
N C Phillips (363)	*158 (28)*	*8 (1)*	*318 (48)*
R A Pick (364)	66 (0)	7 (0)	206 (0)
A R K Pierson (365)	248 (29)	40 (2)	1048 (69)
A C S Pigott (366)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
V J Pike (367)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
S L V Raju (368)	33 (0)	5 (0)	133 (0)
A R Roberts (369)	141 (0)	10 (0)	341 (0)
M A Robinson (370)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
I D K Salisbury (371)	462 (67)	34 (6)	1142 (187)
Saqlain Mushtaq (372)	130 (0)	29 (0)	710 (0)
B N Schultz (373)	12 (0)	6 (0)	132 (0)
J P Searle (374)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
D J Shadford (375)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
K P Sheeraz (376)	3 (0)	1 (0)	23 (0)
A Sheriyar (377)	38 (15)	27 (1)	578 (35)
K J Shine (378)	120 (0)	31 (0)	740 (0)
C E W Silverwood (379)	*186 (1)*	*42 (1)*	*1026 (21)*
G C Small (380)	39 (0)	11 (0)	259 (0)
A M Smith (381)	301 (34)	53 (7)	1361 (174)
D J Spencer (382)	*0 (0)*	*0 (0)*	*0 (0)*
J Srinath (383)	128 (0)	20 (0)	528 (0)
E J Stanford (384)	12 (0)	5 (0)	112 (0)
R D Stemp (385)	256 (1)	37 (6)	996 (121)
P M Such (386)	136 (0)	67 (9)	1476 (180)
J P Taylor (387)	205 (19)	50 (3)	1205 (79)
S D Thomas (388)	199 (0)	20 (0)	599 (0)
J B Thompson (389)	89 (0)	9 (0)	269 (0)
M J Thursfield (390)	71 (0)	5 (0)	171 (0)
H R J Trump (391)	0 (0)	1 (0)	20 (0)
A J Tudor (392)	*0 (0)*	*0 (0)*	*0 (0)*
P C R Tufnell (393)	252 (24)	61 (4)	1472 (104)
S D Udal (394)	445 (27)	31 (0)	1065 (27)
A P van Troost (395)	27 (12)	7 (0)	167 (12)
C A Walsh (396)	142 (22)	69 (5)	1522 (122)
A Walker (397)	20 (20)	1 (1)	40 (40)
A E Warner (398)	0 (0)	1 (0)	20 (0)
S L Watkin (399)	111 (0)	54 (6)	1191 (129)
Waqar Younis (400)	19 (0)	30 (0)	619 (0)
N F Williams (401)	212 (16)	28 (3)	772 (76)
J Wood (402)	97 (0)	26 (0)	617 (0)
T N Wren (403)	15 (0)	9 (0)	195 (0)
G Yates (404)	5 (0)	0 (0)	5 (0)

☐ One point is awarded for each run, 20 points for each wicket. Wickets include catches and stumpings by wicketkeepers, but not catches by fielders.

☐ Source: TCCB/PA Cricket Record

HOW TO MAKE A TRANSFER IN ITC

The transfer line will open at 6am each Tuesday and will close at 6pm the following Monday. All transfers made during this period will be applied to team selectors' teams prior to the commencement of the next first-class match *(transfer times may be altered slightly to accommodate schedule of first-class matches and prior notification will be published in The Times).* Transfers may only be made by telephone by calling

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A team selector may transfer up to two players in his/her team per transfer period. Whether you are transferring one or two players, your team must be rendered correct according to the format of five batsmen, one all-rounder, one wicketkeeper and four bowlers and including one rising star and one overseas player (but no more than one of either) by the end of the call. You may check your team score and position in ITC by calling the ITC Check Line on

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FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Kansas City 5 Toronto 2; Chicago 6 Detroit 4; Milwaukee 8 Cleveland 2; Texas 9 Minnesota 7; California 10 Baltimore 2; Oakland 10 New York 9; Seattle 11 Boston 9.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago 11 Florida 3; Cincinnati 6 Atlanta 1; Montreal 9 San Francisco 3; Philadelphia 6 San Diego 2; Los Angeles 7 New York 6; St Louis 12 Houston 3.

BOWLS

LEAMINGTON SPA: Double Century English women's championships: Triples: Quarter-finals: Oxford City and County bt Carlisle East 29-7. Swindon Westlecot bt Memorial Park (Sutton) 18-11. Lincoln Park bt Hams Park (Cockermouth) 21-11. Field Place (Worthing) bt Heworth (York) 18-13. **Semi-finals:** Oxford City and County bt Swindon Westlecot 24-13. Lincoln Park bt Field Place, Worthing 23-13. **Fours: Preliminary round:** Castle Green (Hereford) bt Wigton 17-15. Oxford City and County bt Worthing and Plumstead 29-9. Stewartby bt West Cornwall 20-18. Leo Minster bt Blackvale 25-12. Raebush (Stevenage) bt County Arts (Norwich) 26-11. **First round:** Castle Green bt Oxford City and County 25-10. Stewartby bt Leominster 22-21 (after extra end). Pococks bt Durham City 18-9. Wessex (Weston-super-Mare) bt Felixstowe and Suffolk 18-13. Abbey St Edmund's (Norfolk) bt Dunnington (York) 22-21. Cambridge Chesterton bt St Crispin's (Northampton) 25-14. Royal Household (Windsor) bt Ventnor 19-16. West London bt Skegness Vine 16-13. Pinehurst bt Whittlesey Manor (Huntingdon) 21-16. Bridport bt Hetton Workmen's (Durham) 24-20. Stratford-on-Avon bt Erdale 25-14. Lowestoft Railway bt Boxhill 21-13. Park Avenue (Grimsby) bt Wendover 25-8. Boston bt Cheam Ladies 24-15. Broadstone bt Henlow Park 20-7. Carlton Colwick (Nottingham) bt Southampton 30-11. Crediton bt Corryatt 27-13. Burnham bt Peterborough and District 19-14. Silver Sand (Long Eaton) bt Cambridge Chesterton 22-17. Bromsgrove bt Harrogate 28-11. Friary (Winchester) bt Gloucester City 28-17. Magdalen Park (Surrey) bt Reading 29-11. Purton bt GEC Rugby 24-13. Shanklin bt Backworth Welfare 17-14. Tonbridge bt Raintree 20-14. Oxford City and County bt Rushden Town 25-14. Alderbury bt Broomfield 21-17. Willington Key bt Townsend St Albans 30-8. Carlisle Edenside bt Overbury Norman 31-9. Burbage bt St Stephen 20-17. East Preston and Kingston bt Mansfield 20-10. Kingsteignton-Watts Blake Bearne bt Harlow 35-10

BOXING

BETHNAL GREEN, London: Selected results: Final eliminator for Commonwealth featherweight championship: Colin McMillan (Barking) bt Trust Ndlovu (Zim) rsc 7th. **Bantamweight:** Dharmandoa Singh Yabav (Eastham) bt Neil Parry (Middlesbrough), pts. **Super-middle:** David Starr (Bury St Edmunds) bt Pascal Mercier (Fr), rsc 3rd rnd. **Feather:** Paul Ingle (Scarborough) bt Brian Robb (Telford), rsc 2nd. **Bantam:** Vince Feeney (Sligo) bt Peter Buckley (Birmingham), pts. **Welter:** Richie Edwards (Greenford) ko Vincent Burns (Pimlico), 1st rnd

CYCLING

LES ECHELLES, France: Mountainbike Tour: Men: Final stage: 1, C Evans (Aus) 1hr 19min 25sec; 2, T Dietsch (Fr) 1.20.41; 3, C Hemsset (Fr) 1.20.49; 4, P Rowney (Aus) 1.20.52; 5, B Brentjens (Holl) 1.21.15. **Final standings:** 1, Brentjens 15hr 15min 10sec; 2, R Hovdhahl (Nor) 15.20.56; 3, J Chiotti (Fr) 15.23.33; 4, M Martinez (Fr) 15.28.14; 5, Dietsch 15.36.53. **Women: Final stage:** 1, G-R Dahle (Nor) 1hr 14min 19sec; 2, L Leboucher (Fr) 1.16.45; 3, S Dahlmeier (Ger) 1.18.17; 4, L Robinson (GB) 1.18.59; 5, S Coppoolse (Holl) 1.20.46. **Final standings:** 1, Dahle 15hr 43min 06sec; 2, Leboucher 16.09.49; 3, Dahlmeier 16.28.50; 4, Robinson 16.44.09; 5, N Flat (Fr) 17.10.32.

HOCKEY

VEJLE, Denmark: Men's European Junior Cup: Pool A: Belgium 4 Czech Republic 1; Holland 4 England 2. **Final positions:** 1, Holland 9pts; 2, England 6; 3, Belgium 3; 4, Czech Republic 0. **Pool B:** Germany 2 Italy 1; Spain 6 Denmark 1; Italy 4 Denmark 2; Germany 3 Spain 3. **Final positions:** 1, Germany 7pts; 2, Spain 7; 3, Italy 3; 4, Denmark 0

ICE HOCKEY

WORLD CUP: United States 9 Slovakia 3 (in New York)

RUGBY UNION

WELSH LEAGUE: First division: Caerphilly 24 Dunvant 35; Ebbw Vale 22 Newbridge 7; Swansea 82 Newport 18; Treorchy 8 Bridgend 11

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Cos d'Estournel European Open Championships (GB unless stated): Group one: M Gooding and C Bray bt J Snow and J Male 6-3, 3-6, 6-1; Gooding and Bray bt K Sheldon and A Lyons 6-2, 6-3; Gooding and Bray bt P Brake and N Cripps 6-1, 6-2; Snow and Male bt Sheldon and Lyons 6-4, 6-5; Snow and Male bt Brake and Cripps 6-2, 6-1. **Group winners:** Gooding and Bray. **Group two:** A Philips and N Wood bt L Ducar (Aus) and J Howell 6-3, 6-1; Philips and Wood bt R Gunn and P Tabley 6-4, 6-4; Philips and Wood bt M Ryan and M Eadie 6-4, 6-2; Deuchar and Howell bt Ryan and Eadie 6-3, 6-2; Gunn and Tabley bt Deuchar and Howell 6-2, 6-5. **Group winners,** Philips and Wood

QUEEN'S CLUB: British Land National Junior Championship: Finals: Under-18: S Tomlinson bt D Wilson 6-0, 6-0. **Under-16:** M Ronaldson bt D Carter 6-0, 6-4. **Under-14:** E Armstrong bt A Hussain 4-3, 4-1.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Police national championships: Pistol: Rapid fire: 1, R Duckworth (W Yorks) 564pts; 2, D Brookes (Essex) 542; 3, I Pryke (Essex) 498. **Standard:** 1, Duckworth 564; 2, A Sims (Essex) 545; 3, N Wells (W Yorks) 544. **Free:** 1, Duckworth 537; 2, Wells 518; 3, M Barnes (W Midlands) 513. **Rifle: Fullbore short range (300, 500 and 600 yds):** 1, B Cambray (Devon and Cornwall) 149pts; 2, D Sutcliffe (Warwickshire) 147; 3, J Dugmore (W Midlands) 146. **Fullbore long range (900 and 1,000 yds):** 1, W Hughs (Metropolitan) 97.10; 2, D Sutcliffe (Warwickshire) 97.9; 3, D Frater (RUC) 95.5. **Fullbore rifle aggregate:** 1, Sutcliffe 344 (PAA record); 2, Hughs 342; 3, L Wills (Devon and Cornwall) 240. **Free rifle:** 1, A Roberts (Merseyside) 1,096; 2, D Hodson (Lancashire) 1,091; 3, N Cox (Devon and Cornwall) 1,080

TENNIS

US Open Championships

Yesterday

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Quarter-final: S Graf (Ger) bt J Wiesner (Austria) 7-5, 6-3

Tuesday

MEN'S SINGLES: Fourth round: G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt A Medvedev (Ukr) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6; A Corretja (Sp) bt G Forget (Fr) 6-4, 6-3, 7-6; S Edberg (Swe) bt T Henman (GB) 6-7, 7-6, 6-4, 6-4; P Sampras (US) bt M Philippoussis (Aus) 6-3, 6-3, 6-4

MEN'S DOUBLES: Quarter-finals: J Eltingh (Holl) and P Haarhuis (Holl) bt T Kronemann (US) and D Macpherson (Aus) 7-5, 6-7, 6-2; G Forget and J Hlasek (Switz) bt L Lobo (Arg) and J Sanchez (Sp) 6-7, 7-6, 7-6; T Woodbridge (Aus) and M Woodforde (Aus) bt S Lareau (Can) and A O'Brien (US) 6-3, 7-5

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Quarter-finals: C Martinez (Sp) bt L Wild (US) 7-6, 6-0; M Seles (US) bt A Coetzer (SA) 6-0, 6-3

WOMEN'S DOUBLES: Quarter-finals: M Hingis (Switz) and H Sukova (Cz) bt P Hy-Boulais (Can) and R Nideffer (US) 6-4, 6-4; L McNeil (US) and G Sabatini (Arg) bt N Arendt (US) and M Bollegraf (Holl) 4-6, 6-3, 7-5; J Novotna (Cz) and A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt A Kournikova (Russ) and E Likhovtseva (Russ) 7-5, 6-2

MIXED DOUBLES: Quarter-finals: M Hingis (Switz) and C van Rensburg (SA) bt R Stubbs (Aus) and J Eagle (Aus) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3

BOYS' SINGLES (selected): First round: A Parmar (GB) bt J Krejci (Cz) 7-5, 6-2.

BOYS' DOUBLES (selected): First round: M Lee (GB) and A Palmer (GB) bt M Hellström (Swe) and B Rehnqvist (Swe) 4-6, 6-3, 7-6

GIRLS' DOUBLES (selected): First round: A Jensen (Aus) and E Roubanova (GB) bt S Kovacic (Ger) and J Wohr (Ger) 4-6, 7-6, 6-4

POOLS DIVIDENDS

ZETTERS: Treble chance. 24pts £1,509.20; 23 £10.30; 22 £1.25; 21 £0.30. Four draws £10.60. Eight homes £258.40. Four aways £36.00. Super Seven £410.40. Pontoon "21" £18.30. Lucky numbers 2 3 7 11 12 17

VERNONS: Treble chance. 24pts £5,863.10; 23 £79.75; 22 £7.40; 21 £2.05. Super shots void. Premier 10 £249.00.

FIXTURES

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship

10.30, third day of four, 110 overs minimum

SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Glamorgan

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Middlesex

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire

TAUNTON: Somerset v Derbyshire

THE OVAL: Surrey v Northamptonshire

EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Essex

WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Sussex

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of three): Northampton: Northamptonshire v Glamorgan. Kenilworth (Wardens CC): Warwickshire v Yorkshire

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Arsenal v Bournemouth (2.0); Luton v Wimbledon (2.0); Bristol Rovers v Chelsea (at Yate Town FC).

PONTINS LEAGUE: Premier division: Everton v Derby (7.0); Nottingham Forest v Tranmere (7.0). **First division:** Port Vale v Middlesbrough (7.0); Sheffield Utd v Aston Villa (7.0).

FA YOUTH CUP: Extra preliminary round: Leigh RMI v Cheadle; Cambridge City v Gorleston; Barnet v Potters Bar; Shoreham v Leatherhead; Gloucester v Cheltenham. Extra preliminary round replays: Wivenhoe v Basildon U; Clapton v Wingate and Finchley.

OTHER SPORT

EQUESTRIANISM: Burghley Horse Trials.

GOLF: European Women's Open (at Ware)

SPEEDWAY: Premier League: London v Hull (7.30); Middlesbrough v Long Eaton (7.30); Sheffield v Ipswich (7.45).

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IN BRIEF

Induráin nearing end of the road

MIGUEL INDURÁIN, five times a winner of the Tour de France, may retire from cycling this year, sources close to his team, Banesto, have said. Francis Lafargue, the manager of Induráin, 32, who won the gold medal for the time-trial at the Atlanta Olympic Games, told the sports daily, *As*, that the Spaniard would not compete for another season just for money.

☐ Andy Wilkinson's British record ride of 300.270 miles in the national championship 12-hour time-trial has placed him at the head of the competition for the best all-rounder of the season, with an average speed of 27.902mph.

World Cup stalls

Motor sport: The FIA touring car World Cup, due to be staged at the A-1 Ring in Austria on October 20, has been cancelled because of lack of support from the leading teams in Europe. FIA, the sport's governing body, received only ten entries for the international event, which has been held for the past three years.

England ease up

Hockey: England, already assured of a place against Germany in the semi-finals tomorrow, lost 4-2 to Holland in their last pool match yesterday at Vejle, Denmark, in the men's European Junior Cup. Holland established a 3-0 lead before Alistair Boyse and Mark Pearn, from a penalty stroke, scored for England.

Oxford recruit

Rowing: Oxford, with four successive Boat Race defeats behind them, have taken on an extra coach to try to end the supremacy of Cambridge. Rene Mijnders, 40, head coach to the Holland squad for the past ten years, will play a leading role in the coaching team this winter.

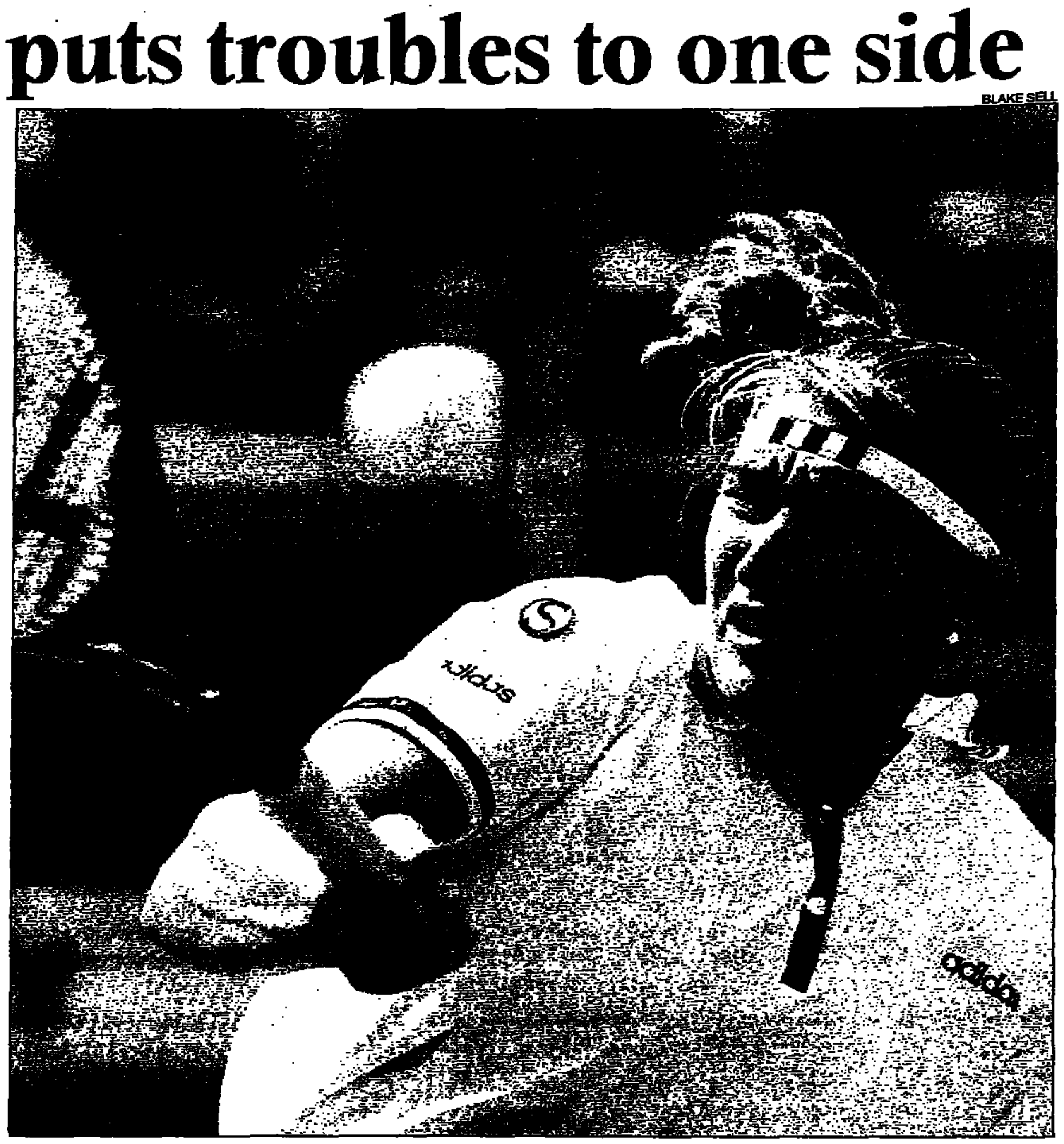
Roberts on target

Shooting: Ann Roberts, from Liverpool, became the first woman to win the Police Athletic Association's free rifle championship at Bisley yesterday, scoring 1,096 points firing from prone, standing and kneeling positions.

TENNIS: WORLD NO 1 REACHES US OPEN SEMI-FINALS DESPITE SHADOW OF COURT CASE

Graf puts troubles to one side

FROM DAVID MILLER
IN NEW YORK


BLAKE SELL

Graf drives another of her booming forehands during her defeat of Wiesner in the quarter-finals yesterday

AT THE moment of the worst emotional crisis of her life, Steffi Graf is finding escape in the only place that she knows — on the tennis court. Yesterday, the day before the opening of the trial of her father, Peter Graf, for tax evasion in Germany, she was able to focus unwaveringly in her 7-5, 6-3 victory over Judith Wiesner, of Austria, reaching the semi-final of her 44th grand-slam event.

It is remarkable to observe the equanimity of this legendary player at a time when the stress within must be extreme. From her youngest days, she has been intensely close to her father, who, for so many years, was her guide and mentor on and off the courts while she climbed from obscurity to stardom. Since the father became embroiled in charges of fraud, for the daughter it has been as though she were emotionally shipwrecked.

Yet you would never have known from watching her yesterday, as she came from 2-4 down in the first set to inch her way past the steadiest of opponents who has an almost equally extensive, if far less accomplished, experience of grand-slam events. This was Wiesner's 36th, yet Wimbledon two months ago and now Flashing Meadow have witnessed her first appearances at the quarter-final stage. At Wimbledon, she lost in straight sets to Arantxa Sánchez Vicario.

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Graf, who understandably declines to discuss her intimate reactions to the trauma surrounding her father, has said to a friend that she tries to blot out the distress by focusing on her tennis, point by point by point. It is the thing she knows best, the one area where she can demonstrate the glory and the pure innocence of her game. Now, while her father confronts the technicalities of law and justice, she attempts to extend further still the unending string of her triumphs of court.

Wiesner had lost every encounter with Graf, though that did not deter her from believing that she had a chance yesterday. She substantiated that confidence when she took an early lead with a service break, but it was a flutter of encouragement that was not to last long.

"Sometimes I went for too much, sometimes for too little," Wiesner reflected on those break points and game points that she had lost. Her respect for her opponent's demeanour at a time of crisis was unrestrained. "I can't think of anybody who is having a more difficult time," Wiesner said. "I am amazed how anyone can shrug off all that stuff [concerning her father]."

Graf broke back 4-4 in the first set with a flowing backhand down the line and broke again for the set at 5-6. Wiesner positively going for the lines but over-hitting on a backhand volley and two drives from the baseline.

In the next game, Wiesner had three break points to lead 1-0 in the second set. The first she missed when putting a forehand volley in the base of the net with open court; the second and third, Graf rescued with volleys.

From there on, Graf was in charge, characteristically running round her backhand whenever possible to sweep flat forehands deep to her opponent's backhand. At 5-2, Wiesner bravely saved two match points, but she had no answer to the third in the next game as Graf pushed her wide with a first service deep to the backhand and then flashed a fearsome, unplayable forehand down the other flank.

In the semi-final Graf will meet either Jana Novotna, the No 7 seed, or the 15-year-old Swiss prodigy, Martina Hingis. Hingis defeated Graf in the Italian Open this year.

Pressed to discuss afterwards her place among the all-time greats of the game, Graf puffed her cheeks and, modestly, dismissed the question. "I can only talk about that after I'm finished," said the woman who is now in her 348th week as the world's No 1 player, the longest ever.

British tennis followers will be mourning the departure on Tuesday night of Tim Henman in his last-sixteen encounter with Stefan Edberg, who lost the first set but recovered to win 6-7, 7-6, 6-4, 6-4. Henman had what was — emotionally, at least — effectively a match point at 5-5 in the second set and had he won that, a break point on Edberg's service, and held his service to lead by two sets to love, he must surely have been the likely winner. As it was, the experienced Edberg saved the point with the deep first serve to Henman's backhand and the chance was gone.

"He has improved so much since we practised last time [at Queen's Club]," Edberg said. "He has had a good summer, he is so much more confident now than he was before. He definitely has potential because of the way he hits the ball and the way he is moving around the court."

RUGBY UNION

Clubs blunder by placing gag on players

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

A BLAND statement represented a rare missed opportunity for the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc) yesterday. Given the chance to parade the self-confessed key element in their dispute with the Rugby Football Union (RFU) — the players — they chose to gag them and claim instead that all agreed with Epruc's vision of the future.

The statement did acknowledge public interest in what was supposed to be a private meeting at a Heathrow hotel between a heavyweight Epruc team and members of the England squad who, in other circumstances, would have been training at Bisham Abbey. But the players have offered mature opinions on the increasingly-sour squabble with the RFU and their views would have been instructive.

The projected breakaway of England's leading 24 clubs could, in theory, lay waste the RFU's international programme and, though Epruc and the players have agreed a joint team to take matters forward, it would be surprising if some of the players — particularly the younger ones, fired by the chance of pulling on the white (red and blue) jersey for the first time — have not privately consulted the RFU's management team about the future.

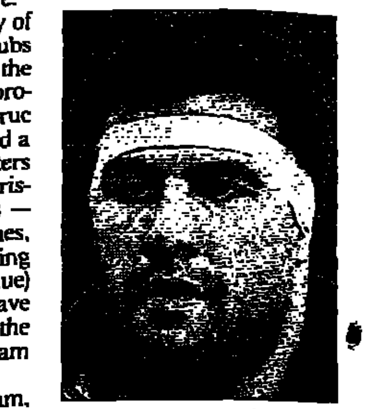
Had he been at Bisham, Jason Leonard would have led a debate on changes to rugby union in the light of this year's southern-hemisphere season. The affable Harlequins captain, one of the candidates for the England captaincy, had been due to lead a syndicate discussion along with Tim Rodber, Ben Clarke and Tim Stimpson, until the players, taking unity is strength as their motto, decided to withdraw from the session and listen to Epruc's presentation.

This was attended by Sir John Hall and Rob Andrew from Newcastle, Peter Wheeler and Donald Kerr from the Epruc board, and such club directors of rugby or chief executives as John Hall (Bath) and Symon Elliott (Richmond).

Any one of Leonard, Rodber or Clarke, all senior England forwards and club captains, could have offered the players' perspective on events. Instead their silence may have lent credence to the view held by some RFU officials that, by dragging the players into the argument, Epruc have conceded some moral high ground. That argument would sound better were it not for the fact that many of their own constituents believe the RFU to lack moral credibility.

Don Rutherford, the RFU technical administrator, acknowledged that the loss of one training session was not unduly significant. "A lot can happen in a fortnight," he said, referring to the next planned session on September 18, "and in any case I shall expect this missed session to be replaced in the calendar."

Instead the players heard of Epruc's confidence in their ability to put in place their own competitive structures and to attract sponsorship and television agreements. The clubs and the RFU agree that television offers the primary source of revenue and Epruc believe that bidders for rugby broadcasting rights do not begin and end with BSkyB, the satellite company part-owned by News International, owners of *The Times*. They feel that all the terrestrial channels, including the new Channel Five, are live contenders.


Leonard: silent

Meanwhile rugby's disunion has raised attention at Westminster. Kate Hoey, Labour MP for Vauxhall, has called on Iain Sproat, the minister for sport, to "knock heads together" for the benefit of British sports lovers and rugby followers in particular who see their game losing international credibility.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

This hand, from the trials to choose the British women's team for the 1996 Olympiad, had two good points.

Dealer South **East-West vul**

♠J107
♥—
♦J74
♣KJ87632

♠Q982
♥972
♦AK10
♣Q94

N
W E
S

♠K63
♥J108543
♦632
♣5

♠A54
♥AKQ6
♦Q985
♣A10

Contract: 3 NT by South. Lead: two of spades

At several tables where South played 3 NT the lead was the two of spades. How should declarer play when the first trick goes jack, king, ace?

*It seems likely that the ten of spades will be a slow entry to dummy as a) players do not lead the two from holdings without an honour, and b) East would play the queen, not the king, on the first trick if she held the king and queen. So according to the report I read (I don't believe it), the declarers *all* started with the ace of clubs and a club to the king, following by a third round. West won and played queen and another spade, so after the declarer had taken the clubs she was stuck in dummy and had to concede the last three tricks to West, with the thirteenth spade and ace-king of diamonds.

Elementary counting of tricks should have guided these declarers into the correct line. If a club trick has to be lost there are only eight tricks in the black suits. So all that is necessary to succeed is to cash a high heart before embarking on the clubs.

Notice that this line of play depends on the ten of spades being an entry to dummy. At the table where Nicola Smith was East the declarer didn't have that option. When West led a spade and the jack was played from dummy, Nicola played low — she could see that was the defence's best chance of shutting out the club suit. When the declarer then played on clubs and misguessed, she had to go down.

Nicola and her partner Pat Davies, Britain's only world-class women's pair, will lead the team for the Olympiad. The other two pairs are Liz McGowan and Heather Dhondy, and Beryl Kerr and Roberta Trayman. Jimmy Arthur is the non-playing captain.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Narrow miss

Luke McShane, 12, narrowly missed gaining an international master result in the British Championship at Nottingham. The following chaotic game against Mark Hebden, the experienced grandmaster, was his big chance and a victory here would have sealed his international master result. At one stage the material balance favoured McShane to the extent of having two rooks against Hebden's knight, but by deft utilisation of his army of passed pawns, Hebden saved the day.

White: Luke McShane
Black: Mark Hebden

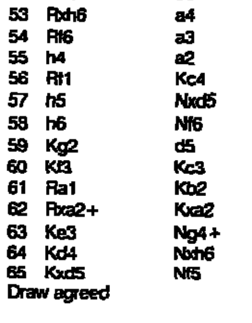
British Championship
August 1996

Ruy Lopez

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bb5	a6
4	Ba4	Nf6
5	0-0	Be7
6	Re1	b5
7	Bb3	0-0
8	a4	Bb7
9	d3	d6
10	Nc3	Na5
11	Ba2	b4
12	Ne2	Rb8
13	Ng3	c5
14	Nf5	Bc8
15	N3h4	Ne8
16	Nxe7+	Qxe7
17	g3	Be6
18	c3	Bxa2
19	Rxa2	Qe6
20	c4	Nc6
21	b3	Nc7
22	f4	exf4
23	gxf4	Nd4
24	f5	Qf6
25	Nf3	Nce6
26	Rg2	Nxd3+
27	Qxd3	Nd4
28	Qg3	h6
29	Bf4	Rfe8
30	Kh1	Rbd8
31	Rag1	Kf8
32	Qf2	Nxb3
33	Rxg7	Ke7
34	Bg3	Qc3
35	Bh4+	Kd7
36	Rxf7+	Kc6
37	Bxd8	Rxd8
38	f6	Qxd3
39	Re7	Qxc4
40	f7	Rf8
41	Qf5	Kb6
42	Qd5	Qxd5
43	exd5	c4
44	Rg8	Rxf7
45	Rxf7	c3
46	Rc8	Nc5
47	Rb8+	Ka5
48	Rf4	Nd3
49	Rc4	Kxa4
50	Rbxb4+ Nxb4	
51	Rxc3	Kb5
52	Rh3	a5
53	Rxh6	a4
54	Rf6	a3
55	h4	a2
56	Rf1	Kc4
57	h5	Nxd5
58	h6	Nf6
59	Kg2	d5
60	Kf3	Kc3
61	Ra1	Kb2
62	Rxa2+	Kxa2
63	Ke3	Ng4+
64	Kd4	Nxh6
65	Kxd5	Nf5

Draw agreed

Diagram of final position



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

QUADRIVIUM
a. Mathematics
b. An academic crossroads
c. A four-year course

GYP
a. A college servant
b. An exam cheat
c. A scout

ETON CROP
a. A hair style
b. A birch
c. Agar's Plough

SCHOLIAST
a. A commentator
b. An exhibitioner at King's
c. A freshman

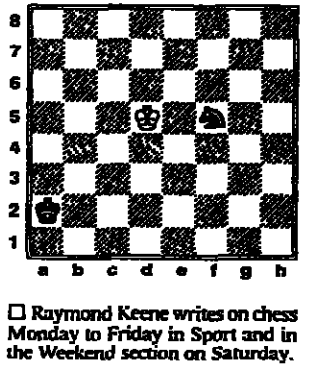
Answers on page 42

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Brenninkmeyer — Ligterink, Rotterdam 1996. Clever tactical combinations do not always lead to checkmate. Here White spotted a sequence that led to an endgame where he had two extra pawns — more than enough to win a game at international level. What did he play?

Solution on page 42



BOWLS

Evergreen Molyneux wins again

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

IRENE MOLYNEUX, who won the Double Century national triples title for the fourth time at Royal Leamington Spa yesterday, is something of a legend in the sport and seems to have been on the scene for ever.

After steering her City and County of Oxford club colleagues, Audrey Mainwaring and Greta Winstone, to an 18-11 win over Jean Morris, Cath Smith and Jill Edson, of Lincoln, she declined to reveal her age, claiming, with some justification, that age was irrelevant.

"When I feel I'm not pulling my weight, I will retire gracefully," she said, "but I think I'm playing well, and I'm still enjoying my bowls." Rumour has it that Molyneux has already celebrated her seventieth birthday.

"I started playing in the late Fifties and took to the game instantly," she said. "I even gave up my job as a receptionist at a local hospital so that I could concentrate on my bowls, and I've had a lifetime's enjoyment out of the sport." The Lincoln trio did all they could to dislodge the favourites, but Molyneux played the captain's part at skip, denying them time after time.

Smith, who was born in Edinburgh, has had previous experience of losing in the triples final, when she played out of the North Scarle club in 1989. Her husband, also a bowler, would normally have been there to watch her in the final, but he is a warrant officer in the RAF, and has been posted to the Falklands for his last tour of duty.

Smith teamed up with Morris and Edson for the first time in 1991, and the three reached the quarter-finals in 1994, and again last year. Only four shots adrift with three ends to play, Lincoln's hopes were dashed on the 16th end, when Molyneux conjured up three shots - this time, for once, with a fluke.

GOLF

Walker upbeat about Europe's Cup chances

BY MEL WEBB

THE Solheim Cup team has been named, the tempo is building for the big match against the United States in two weeks, and the glorious hoopla that always surrounds team golf against the old enemy was still the game to be played yesterday at Hanbury Manor, where the European Open starts today.

Mickey Walker, who will be captaining the European team for the fourth time when the Solheim Cup match gets under way at St Pierre, near Chepstow, two weeks tomorrow, held a press conference at the Hertfordshire club yesterday. She had with her Trish Johnson, who earned her place in the team, and Dale Reid, who did not, but was picked anyway. From their mood (confident), and the light of battle in their eyes (keen), they want the Cup back and are not prepared to countenance anything else.

"I feel passionately about it and I know that every member of the European tour feels very passionately about winning the Cup back," Walker said. "I think we've got a great chance. There is no other feeling like it. I don't play in it — I just sit and feel terrible."

Most golfers have heard of the best players in Europe, for they are also the best players anywhere. Laura Davies continues to be the dominant force in world golf and Annika Sorenstam and Liselotte Neumann follow her in short order in the world rankings.

Some of the rest, however, do not trip off the tongue with the same fluency and, although Europe will be as strong as they have ever been, there is no doubting that the women's professional game on this side of the Atlantic could do with every scrap of exposure it can get if it is to grow.

It is likely to pick up some this week, with Davies, Johnson and Reid in the field for a £100,000 tournament that is being supported by Marks & Spencer.

Sherry enjoys chance to sample high life

BEING 6ft 8in, Gordon Sherry acquired a taste for the high life quite naturally. This week the young Scotsman is in Switzerland, sampling the rare, heady atmosphere of the most elevated event on the PGA European Tour schedule, the Canon European Masters, 6,000 feet up in the mountains at Crans-sur-Sierre (Patricia Davies writes).

A hero of the Walker Cup victory at Royal Porthcawl a year ago, Sherry, the amateur, was fêted and appeared at all the best championships as of right. Sherry, the embryo professional, must, in the meantime, rely on invitations.

He has played in four tournaments so far and is a lowly 206th on the Volvo Order of Merit, with earnings of £4,372.33, so the prospect of playing three weeks in a row — here, the Lancôme Trophy in Paris next week, and the Loch Lomond World Invitational at home in Scotland — is mouthwatering.

Sherry made the cut at the Greater Vancouver Open two weeks ago and will need to score well if he is to play all four rounds at this low-scoring venue. The cut is usually under par and rounds of 60 are possible, as Baldovino Dassu, in 1971, and Jamie Spence, in 1992, have proved.

The money on offer for this, the fiftieth anniversary of the Swiss Open, the forerunner of the Masters at Crans, is also a dizzying £768,000, which helps to explain the presence of Colin Montgomerie, Severiano Ballesteros, Bernhard Langer, Sam Torrance, Costantino Rocca and Matthias Grönberg.

MOTOR RACING

Frentzen to replace Hill at Williams

BY OLIVER HOLT

THE Williams team confirmed yesterday that it will replace Damon Hill with the German driver, Heinz-Harald Frentzen, at the end of this season. Frentzen, 29, who races for the Sauber team, has been strongly linked with Williams for several months and will partner Jacques Villeneuve next year.

Hill is still searching for a drive for next season and will speak about his dismissal for the first time when he arrives in Monza today to prepare for the Italian Grand Prix this weekend. Yesterday, however, Frank Williams, the team owner, paid tribute to Hill's contribution to the team in the five years he has worked there.

"Damon has contributed greatly to the team both as a test and race driver," Williams said. "He has done an excellent job for us. I think his record speaks for itself, as very few drivers have ever approached his record of 20 wins in 64 starts. He will be missed by everyone at our Grove factory and we all wish him the best of luck for the remainder of this year, as well as the future."

Williams has already assured Hill, who leads the world drivers' championship by 13 points and could clinch it in Italy, that he will receive the same treatment as Villeneuve, the only man who can overhaul him, during the final three races of the season in Italy, Portugal and Japan.

Yet in the moment he praised Hill, Williams also alluded to one of the reasons he may have been tempted to discard him. "The nightmare is to picture Michael Schumacher in a Ferrari that is as competitive as the Williams next year," he said. "We will all have to go to church on Sunday and pray for unreliability. It is not on the agenda today to have Michael in the team, but of course I would like to see him in a Williams."

RACING: FORMER CHAMPION GIVEN TWO-DAY SUSPENSION

Eddery free to partner Dushyantor in Leger

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

PAT EDDERY was punished belatedly yesterday for the "best ride of the season" but left York racecourse relieved that a two-day ban will not prevent him from seeking a third classic victory of the season in the St Leger on Saturday week.

When Eddery won the Galtres Stakes on Eva Luna on the Knavesmire two weeks ago, the ten-times champion jockey was lauded for his performance, with Henry Cecil leading the congratulations for an inspired piece of riding. However, after Eddery had left the racecourse the York stewards decided to hold an inquiry into his use of the whip.

The hearing was delayed until yesterday and Eddery knew that if the stewards found him guilty his dreams of further classic success would hinge on the length of the ban handed out. Although any suspension would start tomorrow week, the day before the St Leger, jockeys are allowed to split a two-day suspension if it clashes with a group one race — but the concession does not apply to longer bans.

Eddery, who has served two previous whip bans this season, used the whip 15 times on Eva Luna but the stewards imposed the minimum sentence because the jockey had not employed undue force.

"I am disappointed to have been banned but relieved it is not more," Eddery said. The two-day ban will also enable Eddery to ride in the Arc trials at Longchamp the day after the St Leger.

Having won the 1,000 Guineas on Bosra Sham and the Oaks on Lady Carla, Eddery is hoping Dushyantor, runner-up in the Derby, can help him complete a classic treble. The Cecil-trained colt remains 7-2 joint-favourite with Mons, who finished half a length behind Dushyantor in the Great Voltigeur Stakes.

However, the significant betting move yesterday flowed from the somewhat surprising decision by Frankie Dettori to partner Shantou, rather than Sharaf Kabeer, in the St Leger. Ladbrokes responded by cutting Shantou from 12-1 to 8-1, while Sharaf Kabeer was knocked out a point to 9-2.

A difficult York card offered some pointers to end-of-season handicaps, with Options Open confirming his liking for the Knavesmire when he secured a third course victory in the Lawrence Batley Handicap to earn a 10-1 quote from the sponsors for the Ladbroke (Ayr) Gold Cup.

The Lynda Ramsden-trained colt, bought cheaply from Godolphin earlier this year, will carry a 7lb penalty in Europe's richest sprint handicap. "He won't win with that, will he?" Jack Ramsden, the trainer's husband, reacted.

When Ballynakelly completed his seventh consecutive success at Sandown last month in preparation for a crack at the Cesarewitch, Jiyush was a respectable second. The value of that form was underlined when Jiyush won the Batleys Cash & Carry Handicap emphatically.

Ladbrokes makes the Reg Akehurst-trained Ballynakelly a 16-1 chance, but punters seeking an early interest in the 2¼-mile test are sure to be attracted by the 8-1 on offer with Ladbrokes against Canon Can. The improving stayer, trained by Henry Cecil, won the Phil Bull Trophy at Pontefract on Tuesday and is set to carry only 7st 9lb in the Newmarket handicap.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Options Open gains his third York success with a fluent victory in the Lawrence Batley Handicap yesterday

YORK

THUNDERER
2.10 Wind Cheetah
2.40 Ochos Rios
3.10 Even Top
3.40 Arabian Story
4.10 **MUDFLAP** (nap)
4.40 Van Gurp
5.10 Rasayel

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 **ARABIAN STORY.**
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.10 Wind Cheetah.
3.10 **EVEN TOP** (nap). 4.10 General's Star.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.10 WEATHERBYS/HISCOX HOUSEHOLD INSURANCE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £6,680: 6f) (16 runners)

101	(10)		AMICO (G Reed) C Thornton 9-0	D McKeown	–
102	(16)		BROAD RIVER (Maktoum Al Maktoum) E Dunlop 9-0	T Quinn	–
103	(14)	4	DARING FLIGHT 18 (BF) (H De Kwiatkowski) Lord Huntingdon 9-0	D Harrison	75
104	(9)		HARRY WOLTON (Old Road Securities Plc) H Cecil 9-0	W Ryan	–
105	(5)	5	JOHN EMMS 108 (R Green (Fine Paintings)) M Bell 9-0	M Fenton	70
106	(15)		NIGHT CHORUS (R MacNair) B Rothwell 9-0	L Charnock	–
107	(3)	555	OUT OF SIGHT 16 (D Allen) B McMahon 9-0	G Carter	85
108	(7)		SPEEDBALL (J Smith) I Balding 9-0	J F Egan	–
109	(8)	00	STYLE DANCER 24 (Mrs C Hodgetts) R Whitaker 9-0	J Fanning	65
110	(11)		THORNTON (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0	J Carroll	–
111	(13)		TYCOON TODD (Lucayan Stud) D Loder 9-0	O Peslier	–
112	(6)		WIND CHEETAH (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn	–
113	(4)		YAM-SING (T Bennett) T Easterby 9-0	M Birch	–
114	(2)		YORKIE GEORGE (M Dawson) L Cumani 9-0	K Darley	–
115	(12)		MULIERE (Sheikh Mohammed) M Johnston 8-9	M Hills	–
116	(1)	3	QUEEN'S PAGEANT 101 (Mrs R Heathcote) J Spearing 8-9	K Fallon	[illegible]

BETTING: 7-2 Thornton, 4-1 Wind Cheetah, 5-1 Harry Wolton, 6-1 Tycoon Todd, 8-1 Yorkie George, 10-1 others

1995: LEONINE 9-0 T Quinn (7-2 fav) P Cole 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

DARING FLIGHT about 4½l 4th of 10 to A Breeze in maiden at Pontefract (5f, good to firm). JOHN EMMS 7¾l 5th of 6 to Saunders Wren in maiden at Windsor (5f, good). OUT OF SIGHT about 6l 5th of 7 to Revoque in conditions race here (7f, good) STYLE DANCER 8¾l 7th of 12 to Balladoole Bajan in auction maiden at Thirsk (5f, good). QUEEN'S PAGEANT short-head and 1¾l 3rd of 6 to Moonshine Girl in maiden at Sandown (5f, good). No selection

2.40 QUINTIN GILBEY SILVER TROPHY

C4

(Handicap: £9,325: 6f 214yd) (27 runners)

201	(22)	10/0013-	BEN GUNN 405 (D,F,S) (M White) P Walwyn 4-10-0	K Darley	89
202	(27)	511435	WILD PALM 20 (V,D,F,G,S) (S Fustok) W O'Gorman 4-9-12	Emma O'Gorman	90
203	(4)	003110	LEGAL ISSUE 56 (D,F,G,S) (B Valentine) W Haugh 4-9-8	R Lappin	91
204	(2)	305211	NAISSANT 8 (D,G,S) (W Graham) R McKellar 3-9-7 (6ex)	K Sked (7)	[illegible]
205	(18)	003123	WHITE SETTLER 21 (D,F) (J Newsome) R Hodges 3-9-6	S Drowne	92
206	(13)	012405	TAEL OF SILVER 10 (D,F,G) (P Freeman) A Bailey 4-9-6	G Duffield	92
207	(10)	101253	PINE RIDGE LAD 11 (D,F,G) (Whitestonecliffe Pnrs) J Eyre 6-9-5	D Pears (3)	94
208	(14)	053000	DANCING SIOUX 20 (D,G) (S Barningham) D Nicholls 4-9-5	Alex Greaves	86
209	(1)	114131	SYLVAN PRINCESS 14 (D,F) (Camelot Racing) C Allen 3-9-3	Martin Dwyer (5)	90
210	(12)	650600	PLAYMAKER 5 (B,S) (Penrith FC Ltd-Blues) D Nicholls 3-9-2	J F Egan	92
211	(16)	262141	EURO SCEPTIC 12 (B,D,F,G) (C Stevens) T Easterby 4-9-1	R Havlin (3)	98
212	(11)	342451	STAND TALL 62 (G) (G Reed) C Thornton 4-9-0	D McKeown	92
213	(26)	006024	SAFEY ANA 14 (D,BF,F,G) (Optimists Pnrs) B Hanbury 5-9-0	W Ryan	90
214	(5)	032503	SAMSOLOM 14 (D,F,G) (C Hammond) P Howling 8-8-13	K Fallon	93
215	(25)	311426	POINTER 15 (D,F,S) (In For The Crack) Mrs P Dutfield 4-8-12	T Quinn	95
216	(19)	210-120	LUNCH PARTY 19 (D,F) (S Aitken) D Nicholls 4-8-10	J Carroll	88
217	(3)	0-00002	SPANISH STRIPPER 14 (F) (T Satchell) M Chapman 5-8-10	P McCabe (3)	93
218	(8)	033400	OCHOS RIOS 19 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs H Burn) B Rothwell 5-8-10	F Lynch (3)	95
219	(20)	400241	SCATHEBURY 7 (B,D,F,G) (N Shields) K Burke 3-8-10 (6ex)	G Carter	95
220	(24)	223463	ZAIN DANCER 35 (D) (S Aitken) D Nicholls 4-8-9	J Bramhill (7)	93
221	(23)	155360	MISTER JOEL 10 (B,F) (P Jarvis) M W Easterby 3-8-9	G Parkin (5)	90
222	(6)	052200	MORNING SURPRISE 24 (BF,G) (Mrs D Brazier) A Jarvis 3-8-8	C Carver (7)	88
223	(21)	401660	OUR SHADEE 7 (V,D,F,G) (K Ivory) K Ivory 6-8-3	C Scally	98
224	(7)	660156	LADY SILK 40 (G,S) (M Jackson) Miss J Craze 5-8-2	A McGlone	91
225	(9)	002444	GOOL LEE SHAY 12 (V) (W Hattersley) R Whitaker 3-8-1	J Fanning	97
226	(17)	041025	MAGIC LAKE 7 (D,BF,F) (P Ebdon) E Alston 3-7-13	Stephen Davies	91
227	(15)	111505	FOIST 75 (BF,G) (D Spence) M W Easterby 4-7-12	Dale Gibson	84

BETTING: 9-1 Naissant, 10-1 Lunch Party, Sylvan Princess, 12-1 White Settler, 14-1 Foist, Pine Ridge Lad, Playmaker, Samsolom, 16-1 Euro Sceptic, Tael Of Silver, 20-1 Legal Issue, Spanish Stripper, 25-1 others

1995: SAMAH 5-9-8 N Connorton (7-2 fav) D Nicholls 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

BEN GUNN 3l 3rd of 16 to Easy Dollar in handicap at Goodwood (7f, firm). WILD PALM neck and short-head 3rd of 8 to Nashaat in handicap at Yarmouth (7f, good) on penultimate start. NAISSANT beat Special-K 1¼l in 7-runner conditions race at Carlisle (7f, good). WHITE SETTLER 2¾l 3rd of 16 to La Petite Fusee in handicap at Salisbury (6f, good to firm). PINE RIDGE LAD 3l and short-head 3rd of 8 to King's Academy in handicap at Redcar (1m, good to firm). SYLVAN PRINCESS beat SPANISH STRIPPER (11lb better off) 3l in 11-runner conditions race at Yarmouth (1m, good to firm). STAND TALL beat Most Uppitty head in 6-runner handicap at Hamilton (6f, good). SCATHEBURY beat Miletrian City 1¾l in handicap at Musselburgh (7f, good to firm) with MAGIC LAKE (1lb better off) about 3l 6th. Selection: WILD PALM

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103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 . B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps. F if flat (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.10 STRENSALL STAKES

C4

(Listed race: £13,403: 1m 205yd) (9 runners)

301	(5)	120501	AMRAK AJEEB 15 (C,F,G,S) (A Merza) B Hanbury 4-9-2	M Rimmer	96
302	(7)	660010-	CELESTIAL KEY 190J (F,B) (M Brodrick) M Johnston 6-9-2	D McKeown	86
303	(6)	003001	MARALINGA 17 (F,G) (D & Mrs J Oliver) Lady Herries 4-9-2	D O'Shea	86
304	(9)	424066	PUNISHMENT 16 (G,S) (A Richards) C Brittain 5-9-2	O Peslier	98
305	(3)	306/240	STAR SELECTION 100 (S) (R Mitchell) J Mackie 5-9-2	J Quinn	85
306	(1)	212-205	EVEN TOP 16 (G) (B Schmidt-Bodner) M Tompkins 3-8-10	T Quinn	[illegible]
307	(2)	400600	KALA SUNRISE 14 (F) (A Needham) C Smith 3-8-10	K Darley	84
308	(4)	21-1012	MISSILE 35 (C,BF,F) (J Bogle) W Haggas 3-8-10	M Hills	91
309	(8)	21-4403	TAMHID 22 (F) (H Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-8-10	G Carter	92

BETTING: 5-4 Even Top, 5-1 Amrak Ajeeb, 6-1 Maralinga, Missile, 8-1 Tamhid, 12-1 Celestial Key, 14-1 others.

1995: TRIARIUS 5-9-2 L Dettori (5-6 fav) S bin Suroor 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

AMRAK AJEEB beat Fahim ½l in handicap here (1m 2f 85yd, good). CELESTIAL KEY beat First Island short-head in listed race at Newmarket (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. MARALINGA beat Kinlochewe neck in conditions race at Windsor (1m 2f, good to firm). PUNISHMENT 6¾l last of 6 to Halling in group I Juddmonte International Stakes here (1m 3f 85yd, good). EVEN TOP 5¾l 5th of 6 to Dushyantor in group II Great Voltigeur Stakes here (1m 4f, good). MISSILE short-head 2nd of 18 to Moscow Mist in handicap at Goodwood (1m, good to firm). TAMHID 1l 3rd to Centre Stalls in conditions race at Sandown (1m, good to firm). Selection: EVEN TOP (nap)

3.40 SUN LIFE OF CANADA GARROWBY RATED HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £13,140: 1m 3f 195yd) (11 runners)

C4

401	(4)	16-5055	QUAKERS FIELD 37 (F,G) (K Higson) G L Moore 9-7	K Fallon	90
402	(8)	02311-	GENTILHOMME 313 (F) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 9-7	T Quinn	90
403	(3)	500502	BRANDON MAGIC 20 (B,S) (R Michaelson) I Balding 8-12	W R Swinburn	91
404	(5)	0-24140	PLEASANT SURPRISE 62 (F,S) (A Al) M Johnston 8-10	M Hills	93
405	(11)	02-1153	GENERAL MACARTHUR 14 (D,F) (I Cameron) J Dunlop 8-8	G Duffield	91
406	(7)	052010	QASIDA 15 (F) (Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum) C Brittain 8-4	O Peslier	90
407	(6)	1-2161	ARABIAN STORY 10 (D,F,G) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 8-4 (3ex)	D Harrison	[illegible]
408	(1)	212-606	WARBROOK 16 (F) (J Smith) I Balding 8-4	K Darley	86
409	(2)	040101	TRACEABILITY 13 (F,G,S) (J Lovitt) S Williams 8-4	G Carter	84
410	(10)	061210	DEAR LIFE 15 (D,F) (Lady Howard de Walden) Mrs J Cecil 8-4	Martin Dwyer (5)	85
411	(9)	241244	EAGLE CANYON 19 (D,BF,F,G) (C Lane Jnr) B Hanbury 8-4	G Milligan (7)	84

Long handicap: Qasida 8-2, Arabian Story 8-2, Warbrook 8-0, Traceability 7-12, Dear Life 7-12, Eagle Canyon 7-10

BETTING: 5-4 Arabian Story, 5-1 General Macarthur, 7-1 Quakers Field, 8-1 Pleasant Surprise, 10-1 Brandon Magic, 12-1 Gentilhomme, 16-1 Traceability, 20-1 Dear Life, Qasida, 25-1 Eagle Canyon, Warbrook.

1995: MEZAAN 9-0 J Reid (9-2) M Stoute 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

QUAKERS FIELD 1¾l 5th of 12 to St Mawes in group III Westminster Taxi Insurance Gordon Stakes at Goodwood (1m 4f, good to firm). GENTILHOMME beat West-A-Minute 5l in listed race at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm). BRANDON MAGIC 3¾l 2nd of 15 to Greenstead in handicap at Newbury (1m 2f, good). PLEASANT SURPRISE 5l 4th of 20 to Samraan in handicap at Ascot (1m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate start, with WARBROOK 29l 13th and TRACEABILITY (10lb worse off) 82l 20th. GENERAL MACARTHUR 1¾l 3rd of 22 to Celestial Choir in handicap over course and distance (good to firm). ARABIAN STORY beat Fairy Knight 1¾l in 12-runner amateurs limited handicap at Epsom (1m 4f, good) Selection: GENERAL MACARTHUR

4.10 HUNTINGTON NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £7,895: 7f 202yd) (11 runners)

C4

501	(1)	443	PARTY ROMANCE 43 (A Ali) B Hanbury 9-7	G Milligan (7)	95
502	(11)	5215	MUDFLAP 10 (G) (Major General Sir George Burns) M Prescott 9-5	G Duffield	93
503	(4)	120330	GRATE TIMES 5 (S) (Mrs M Ashby) E Weymes 8-13	K Fallon	89
504	(10)	0633	MARADI 22 (H Al Maktoum) D Morley 8-12	M Hills	91
505	(6)	215	IRTIFA 24 (BF,F) (H Al Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-12	T Quinn	89
506	(2)	3661	GENERAL'S STAR 15 (D,G) (S Suhail) M Stoute 8-10	K Darley	89
507	(5)	14400	BLUE MOVIE 17 (S) (C Wates) M Bell 8-8	M Fenton	90
508	(7)	03010	SODEN 19 (F) (A Soden Ltd) T Mills 8-7	J Carroll	[illegible]
509	(3)	166	DEE PEE TEE CEE 20 (F) (Early Morning Breakfast Synd) M W Easterby 8-6	J Egan	88
510	(9)	640011	SPARKY 21 (B,F) (Abbots Salford Caravan Park) M W Easterby 8-0	Dale Gibson	91
511	(8)	0033	ZORBA 7 (G Reed) C Thornton 7-13	J Quinn	97

BETTING: 7-2 General's Star, 5-1 Mudflap, 6-1 Party Romance, Sparky, 8-1 Maradi, Soden, 10-1 others.

1995: RAMOOZ 9-7 W Ryan (11-2) B Hanbury 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

PARTY ROMANCE ½l 3rd of 10 to Tarski in maiden at Sandown (7f, good to firm). MUDFLAP 3l 5th of 20 to The Fly in nursery at Newcastle (1m, good). MARADI 10l 3rd of 8 to Further Outlook in maiden at Beverley (7f 100yd, good to firm). IRTIFA beat Colombia neck in conditions race at Windsor (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start. GENERAL'S STAR beat Ben's Ridge head in nursery at Ayr (1m, good). SPARKY beat Skelton Sovereign 1¾l in nursery at Beverley (7f 100yd, firm) with GRATE TIMES (5lb better off) short-head 3rd. Selection: PARTY ROMANCE

4.40 PRINCE OF WALES'S OWN REGIMENT OF YORKSHIRE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £6,108: 7f 202yd) (7 runners)

601	(1)	33	MOUNT PLEASANT 10 (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	88
602	(5)	042-44	STELLAR LINE 59 (K Abdulla) B Hills 9-0	K Fallon	84
603	(3)	540302	VAN GURP 12 (Barouche Stud Ltd) B McMahon 9-0	G Duffield	[illegible]
604	(2)	032	ZURS 10 (BF) (Glenford Thoroughbreds) Miss G Kelleway 9-0	W R Swinburn	86
605	(4)	05-	AMINGTON LASS 358 (M Higgins) P Evans 8-9	J F Egan	–
606	(7)	52	MEZNIH 13 (H Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-9	G Carter	87
607	(6)		WINNEBAGO (G Reed) C Thornton 8-9	D McKeown	–

BETTING: 7-4 Van Gurp, 2-1 Meznih, 6-1 Mount Pleasant, 8-1 Stellar Line, Zurs, 16-1 Amington Lass, Winnebago.

1995: DELTA SOLEIL 8-12 Pat Eddery (5-4 fav) P Harris 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

MOUNT PLEASANT 9l 3rd to Busy Flight in maiden at Ripon (1m 4f, good). STELLAR LINE 4l 4th to King's Academy in maiden at Ripon (1m, good). VAN GURP ½l 2nd to Province in maiden at Newmarket (1m, good). ZURS 3l 2nd to Lothlorien in maiden at Newcastle (1m, good). MEZNIH neck 2nd to Kerry Ring in maiden at Sandown (7f, good). Selection: ZURS

5.10 RACING SCHOOLS APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£4,533: 1m 2f 85yd) (20 runners)

1	(3)	105426	CALDER KING 78 (B,F,S) (D Clarkson) J Eyre 5-9-10	C Teague	90
2	(4)	343125	RASAYEL 6 (CD,BF,F,G) (Pentire Haulage Ltd) P Evans 6-9-10	J Wilkinson	98
3	(16)	105262	DOUBLE UP 26 (D,G) (Mrs L Stevens) Lady Herries 3-9-8	P Doe	96
4	(15)	054600	SUMMERHILL SPECIAL 14 (B,F) (Mrs N Dutfield) Mrs P Dutfield 5-9-4	R Smith (3)	96
5	(5)	5-00012	RING OF VISION 34 (D,F) (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-4	S Copp	94
6	(1)	3430	OPEN AFFAIR 12 (Mrs A Jarvis) A Jarvis 3-9-2	C Carver (3)	95
7	(17)	501112	TROUBADOUR SONG 32 (G) (Spring Cottage Pnrs) W Haigh 4-8-13	D Griffiths	95
8	(13)	0044	ROAD RACER 24 (J Swiers) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-11	A Eddery	95
9	(2)	005012	CUMBRIAN MAESTRO 10 (D,F) (Cumbrian Ind Ltd) T Easterby 3-8-11	R Havlin	97
10	(7)	000645	SLAPY DAM 17 (V,G,S) (Rose And Crown, Boylestone) J Mackie 4-8-11	M Baird	94
11	(12)	262223	MELS BABY 27 (J Roberts (Wakefield)) J Eyre 3-8-10	D Sweeney	93
12	(14)	0-00220	JEAN PIERRE 20 (BF) (P Burnett) J Pearce 3-8-10	S Drowne	97
13	(10)	6-00100	BOWCLIFFE 59 (D,F,S) (P Davies) Mrs A Naughton 5-8-8	J McAuley (3)	84
14	(9)	002-321	MINSTER GLORY 6 (B,D,S) (P Hartley) M W Easterby 5-8-8 (5ex)	F Lynch	95
15	(19)	300255	CUBAN REEF 12 (G) (K West) W Musson 4-8-6	G Milligan	[illegible]
16	(11)	406153	GOLD DESIRE 27 (D,F,G,S) (Northgate Lodge RC) M Brittain 6-8-5	R Mullen	94
17	(6)	0064	MOST WANTED 87 (The Most Wanted Pnrs) J J O'Neill 3-8-4	A McCarthy (3)	85
18	(18)	623425	CHAMPAGNE WARRIOR 55 (M Slinger, A Stuart) M Camacho 3-8-0	C Cogan (3)	91
19	(20)	006064	ALFAYZA 11 (F) (Sheikh Amin Dahlawi) J Bethell 3-7-12	Nicola Stokes (6)	93
20	(8)	405050	TANIYAR 19 (Mrs J Hughes) R Hollinshead 4-7-10	K Sked	86

BETTING: 5-1 Cumbrian Maestro, 6-1 Minster Glory, Double Up, 7-1 Troubadour Song, 8-1 Rasayel, 10-1 others

1995: RASAYEL 5-8-2 G Mitchell (16-1) P Evans 15 ran

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SPECIALISTS

YORK: Trainers: D Morley, 6 winners from 21 runners, 28.6%; H Cecil, 29 from 108, 26.9%; D Loder, 9 from 34, 26.5%; E Weymes, 5 from 20, 25.0%; J Gosden, 26 from 114, 22.8%; M Prescott, 3 from 14, 21.4%. Jockeys: W Ryan, 17 winners 105 rides, 16.2%; G Duffield, 8 from 56, 14.3%; W R Swinburn, 20 from 152, 13.2%

PLUMPTON: J Neville, 3 winners from 5 runners, 60.0%; Miss H Knight, 5 from 9, 55.6%; C Brooks, 3 from 7 42.9%; M Pipe

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

York

Going: good, good to firm in places

2.10 (1m 205yd) 1, DARLING CLOVER (R Cochrane, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Meliotte (K Darley, 9-2); 3, Equerry (M Hills, 11-2) ALSO RAN: 4-1 jt-fav Rainbow Top, 8 Toujours Riviera, 9 Ballpoint (4th), 14 Tame Deer, 20 Mytontaine (5th), North Ardar (6th), Sandblaster, 33 Count Of Flanders, 50 Eastleigh 12 ran. NR: Milton. Sh hd, 1½l, 1¼l, 1l, hd. D Morley at Newmarket. Tote: £4.00, £1.10, £1.60, £2.70 DF: £8.30. Trio £9.90. CSF: £21.49

2.40 (7f 202yd) 1, LADY GODIVA (K Darley, 6-1); 2, Double Espresso (M Henry, 10-1); 3, Sandbaggedagain (Dale Gibson, 11-1) ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Leviticus, 6 Blooming Amazing, 8 Select Star, 10 Tartan Party, 11 Jack Says, 12 Flower Hill Lad, Righty Ho, Smugurs (6th), 14 Distinctive Dream, Jukebox Jive, Sandmoor Zoe, Sound Appeal (5th), 16 Gresatre (4th), 20 Pertemps Mission, 25 Good Judge, Gymcrak Gorjos, Smart Spirit, 33 Bella Daniella, Oddfellows Girl, Warrin. 23 ran. NR: Hoh Down, Plutarch Angel. ½l, ¾l, 1¼l, sh hd, nk. M Polglase at Newmarket. Tote: £5.90; £2.00, £8.90, £2.80 DF: £205.90. Trio £342.70. CSF: £81.90.

3.10 (1m 5f 194yd) 1, JIYUSH (R Hills, 9-1); 2, Midyan Blue (R Cochrane, 10-1); 3, Beaumont (J Quinn, 20-1); 4, Mighty Phantom (M Hills, 14-1) ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Welcome Parade, 10 Foundry Lane (6th), 12 En Vacances, Nuzu, Traingiol, Villeggiatura, 16 Arctic Fancy, Belmenta, Exactly, Secret Service (5th), 20 Benfleet, Children's Choice, Dreams End, 25 Non Vintage, 33 Ambassadori. 19 ran. ½l, 2½l, sh hd, 3l, 1½l. H Thomson Jones at Newmarket. Tote: £9.00; £2.10, £2.00, £8.90, £3.30. DF: £32.50. Trio: £554.00. CSF: £99.69. Tricast: £1,672.09.

3.40 (6f) 1, OPTIONS OPEN (K Fallon, 4-1, Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Cyrano's Lad (W R Swinburn, 10-1); 3, Double Splendour (K Darley, 100-30 fav). ALSO RAN: 7 Kassbaan (5th), 10 Bowden Rose, Red Nymph (6th), 14 April The Eighth, Dovebrace, 18 Lago Di Varano (4th), Rushcutter Bay, Stylish Ways, Tropical Dance, 20 Double Blue, 25 Sea Dane, 33 Hard To Figure. 15 ran. ½l, nk, 2½l, 2l, 1½l. Mrs J Ramsden at Thirsk. Tote: £5.40; £2.30, £2.70, £1.80. DF: £18.60. Trio: £15.90. CSF: £44.17. Tricast: £145.91.

4.10 (7f 202yd) 1, SEVENTEENS LUCKY (M Wigham, 16-1); 2, Royal Ceilidh (J Reid, 16-1); 3, Quilling (F Lynch, 16-1); 4t, Duello (R Cochrane, 16-1); 4t, Raed (R Hills, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Celebration Cake, 10 Tatika, 11 Eurobox Boy, Master Beveled, Pride Of Pendle, 12 Stackattack, 14 Mbulwa, Polar Prospect, 16 Bellacardia, Mountgate, My Godson, 25 Mahool, Young Annabel, 33 Axeman, He's My Love, Robsera. 50 Menabar, 66 Nobby Barnes (6th). 23 ran. NR: Mujahida. ½l, 1¼l, hd, dd-ht, 3l. B Jones at Newmarket. Tote: £18.60; £4.40, £4.10, £3.80 Raed £3.90, Duello £2.70. DF: £318.70. Trio £540.80. CSF: £254.05. Tricast: £3,885.90

4.40 (1m 2f 85yd) 1, MOHAWK RIVER (W R Swinburn, 4-1); 2, Filmore West (T Quinn, 11-1); 3, Torremolinos (W Ryan, 6-1) ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Radiant Star (6th), 3 Gulliver (4th), 10 Reticent, 11 Flaming June, Melt The Clouds (5th), 14 Formidable Partner, 25 Galaka, 33 Jeopardize, 50 Grand Popo. 12 ran. 1¼l, 3l, 2l, 2½l, ¾l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £3.70, £1.30, £5.30, £2.80. DF: £32.20. Trio: £119.80. CSF: £49.80

5.10 (6f 214yd) 1, FANTASTIC FELLOW (B Doyle, 7-1); 2, Haltarra (J Reid, 5-2 fav); 3, Mengaab (G Hind, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Wasp Ranger (5th), 7-2 Stanton Harcourt (6th), 8 China Red (4th), 12 Solo Mio, 14 Rainbow Rain, 20 Kalinini, 25 Zalotto, 50 Sioux. 11 ran. ½l, ½l, 3l, hd, 2½l. C Brittain at Newmarket. Tote: £15.30; £3.00, £1.80, £5.20. DF: £26.50. Trio: £114.50. CSF: £26.95

Jackpot: not won (pool of £10,275.40 carried forward to York today).
Placepot: £276.20. Quadpot: £108.60.

Brighton

Going: firm

2.20 (5f 59yd) 1, Perpetual (G Duffield, 100-30 fav); 2, Bold Oriental (7-1); 3, Clara Bliss (16-1). 11 ran. NR: Daylight Dreams, Sharp Hat. 1½l, nk. M Prescott. Tote: £2.90; £1.00, £3.00, £5.10. DF: £26.00. Trio £165.90. CSF: £23.62. Tricast: £287.95.

2.50 (6f 209yd) 1, Irish Fiction (M Rimmer, 7-2 fav); 2, Silent Valley (33-1); 3, Danehill Prince (8-1). 11 ran. NR: Doubly-H. Sh hd, ½l. D Cosgrove. Tote: £4.60; £1.30, £16.20, £4.20. DF: £150.30. Trio: £124.00. CSF: £84.78

3.20 (6f 209yd) 1, Just Millie (G Faulkner, 8-1); 2, Secret Pleasure (5-2 fav); 3, Rawi (9-1). 13 ran. ¾l, 1½l. J Banks. Tote: £10.10; £2.90, £2.80, £3.10. DF: £10.70. Trio £29.90 CSF: £29.19

3.50 (7f 214yd) 1, Mr Nevermind (S Whitworth, 4-1); 2, Western Venture (16-1); 3, Halos (4-1). Paint It Black 7-2 fav. 12 ran. ¾l, 1¼l. G L Moore. Tote: £4.80; £2.70, £3.30, £1.20. DF: £52.10. Trio: £217.80. CSF: £60.31

4.20 (1m 3f 196yd) 1, Naval Gazer (D R McCabe, 8-1); 2, Voices In The Sky (11-2 fav); 3, Silkaai (8-1). 13 ran. ¾l, 3l. D Loder. Tote £9.60; £2.40, £2.10, £3.20. DF: £18.10 Trio: £49.00. CSF £48.54. Tricast: £259.44.

4.50 (1m 1f 209yd) 1, Don't Drop Bombs (Miss J Feilden, 2-1 fav); 2, Royal Thimble (11-2); 3, Roman Reel (11-2). 9 ran. 6l, 1l. D Thom. Tote: £2.50; £1.10, £3.20, £1.10. DF: £9.30. Trio. £12.20. CSF £13.71. Tricast: £50.29

Placepot: £36.50. Quadpot: £10.40.

Newton Abbot

Going: good

2.30 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Kutan (E Byrne, 7-2); 2, Miss Souter (5-1); 3, Aleymann (3-1). Just-Mana-Mou 9-4 fav. 7 ran. 13l, 13l. Mrs B Waring. Tote: £5.10; £2.00, £2.90. DF: £17.50. CSF: £20.09.

3.00 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Bit Of A Touch (J Frost, 4-1); 2, Duke Of Dreams (7-4 fav); 3, Chickabiddy (9-4). 6 ran. NR: Sherwood Boy. 4l, 6l. R Frost. Tote: £5.00; £1.70, £1.40. DF £3.70. CSF: £10.83.

3.30 (3m 1f hdle) 1, Noble Lord (B Powell, 9-2); 2, Tableis Of Stone (14-1); 3, Spring Campaign (4-7 fav). 6 ran. 21l, 14l. R Buckler. Tote: £7.70; £2.40, £4.60. DF: £31.50. CSF £48.19.

4.00 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Storm Run (A P McCoy, 6-4 jt-fav); 2, Idiom (100-30); 3, China Mail (6-4 jt-fav). 8 ran. 8l, 10l. P Nicholls. Tote: £2.50; £1.10, £1.10, £1.10. DF £4.80. CSF £6.54

4.30 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Rainbow Castle (A P McCoy, 2-1 fav); 2, Gilston Lass (10-1); 3, Hillwalk (4-1). 6 ran. 4l, 24l. P Nicholls. Tote: £3.20; £1.70, £3.70. DF: £11.60. CSF: £18.47

5.00 (2m 1f) 1, Zine Lane (R Farrant, 2-1 fav);

Even Top can return to peak

YORK
CHANNEL 4

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

2.40: Sylvan Princess has an ideal draw alongside the inside rail and is one for the shortlist as she seeks her sixth victory inside the past 50 days. When she won at Salisbury five weeks ago, **White Settler** was 2½ lengths adrift. However, Ron Hodges's runner reopposes on 7lb better terms after taking apprentices' allowances into account. More significantly, the three-year-old gelding is back over his best trip, having been outpaced over six furlongs last time before finishing strongly, and he should be a value option today.

3.10: There are sound reasons for believing **Even Top** can return to something like the form which saw him beaten a short head in the 2,000 Guineas. He had been held up by an infected foot when disappointing in the Derby, and was unsuited by a slow pace and being held up in the Great Voltigeur here 16 days ago. A combination of being stepped back in trip and more prominent riding tactics should find the necessary improvement. Missile looks the biggest threat.

3.40: Arabian Story did this column a favour in the "Gentlemen's Derby" at Epsom ten days ago and the Queen's progressive colt looks the proverbial good thing with just a 3lb penalty for that 11-length win. General Macarthur ran his best race here two weeks ago after an 11-week lay-off and looks the each-way alternative.

4.10: Richard Quinn is an interesting booking for Irtifa, who looks sure to benefit from the step up in trip. Mudflap ran his best race behind The Fly in a valuable nursery at Newcastle ten days ago but has a poor draw. **Party Romance** boasts the best form, having finished a good fourth in the Chesham Stakes on his debut before running well behind Tarski at Sandown last time. With the useful Gary Milligan taking 7lb off the top weight, he can oblige.

Richard Evans

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: ARABIAN STORY
(3.40 York)
Next best: Tycoon Todd
(2.10 York)

SALISBURY

THUNDERER
2.20 Permission. 2.50 Rebel County. 3.20 Dancing Drop. 3.50 Superior Force. 4.20 Samraan. 4.50 Mousehole.

GOING: FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.20 EBF QUIDHAMPTON MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,406: 6f 212yd) (15 runners)

1	(1)	40	ATTRIBUTE 17 (BF) R Charlton 8-11	S Sanders	97
2	(4)		BRAVE KRIS L Cumani 8-11	O Urbina	–
3	(5)		CALYPSO GRANT P Harris 8-11	G Hind	–
4	(7)		CEANOTHUS J Gosden 8-11	R Cochrane	–
5	(12)	00	CLASSIC LINE 33 J Dunlop 8-11	S Whitworth	80
6	(2)		GEORGINA W Hern 8-11	T Sprake	–
7	(13)		LA BELLE AFFAIR P Mitchell 8-11	A Clark	–
8	(14)		LADY OF THE LAKE J Dunlop 8-11	Pat Eddery	–
9	(11)		OFF THE RAILS H Candy 8-11	C Rutter	–
10	(3)	44	PERMISSION 10 R Hannon 8-11	Dane O'Neill	[illegible]
11	(15)		POINTE FINE J Hills 8-11	M Henry (3)	–
12	(9)	0	RACING HEART 20 P Makin 8-11	R Hughes	80
13	(10)		SARAYIR W Hern 8-11	R Hills	–
14	(8)		TYROLEAN DANCER S Woods 8-11	D Biggs	–
15	(6)	D	WING AND A PRAYER 20 R Hannon 8-11	J Reid	–

3-1 Sarayir, 4-1 Ceanothus, 5-1 Permission, 6-1 Brave Kris, Attribute, 7-1 Lady Of The Lake, 8-1 Georgina, 10-1 others.

2.50 WESSEX STALLIONS FILLIES HANDICAP (£4,465: 6f 212yd) (14)

1	(4)	3345	SILENT EXPRESSION 26 (CD,F,G) B Meehan 6-9-13	R Hughes	92
2	(8)	1100	CATCH THE LIGHTS 21 (C,D,F,G) R Hannon 3-9-12	Dane O'Neill	93
3	(6)	2003	TAWAADED 46 (D,F) P Walwyn 3-9-12	R Hills	94
4	(3)	1-04	FLY TIP 100 (S) B Meehan 3-9-11	B Doyle	86
5	(11)	310	HIGH SUMMER 34 (D,F) R Charlton 3-9-7	Pat Eddery	92
6	(5)	510	WITH CARE 12 (D,BF,F) W Jarvis 3-9-5	M Tebbutt	90
7	(9)	2132	FARAWAY LASS 20 (C,F) Lord Huntingdon 3-9-2	Aimee Cook (5)	88
8	(14)	500-	LEGENDARY LEAP 341 (F) Lord Huntingdon 6-9-1	S Sanders	92
9	(7)	2014	HIGHLAND RHAPSODY 20 (C,BF,F) I Balding 3-9-1	J Reid	86
10	(10)	4213	REBEL COUNTY 5 (F,G,S) A Bailey 3-9-1 (5ex)	D Biggs	98
11	(13)	0220	PRIMA SILK 11 (D,F,G) M Ryan 5-8-12	A Clark	96
12	(1)	3000	SAND STAR 76 (D,G) D Haydn Jones 4-8-10	A Mackay	93
13	(12)	0156	ALWAYS GRACE 14 (BF,F,G) Miss G Kelleway 4-8-6	T Sprake	95
14	(2)	1012	CHARLTON IMP 11 (F,G) R Hodges 3-7-11	M Henry (3)	95

9-2 Faraway Lass, 5-1 High Summer, 6-1 Rebel County, 7-1 With Care, 8-1 Catch The Lights, Fly Tip, 10-1 Highland Rhapsody, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: L Cumani, 9 winners from 30 runners, 30.0%; J Gosden, 12 from 45, 26.7%; Lord Huntingdon, 15 from 66, 22.7%; R Johnson Houghton, 5 from 24, 20.8%; B Hanbury, 4 from 21, 19.0%; H Candy, 7 from 44, 15.9%.

JOCKEYS: Dane O'Neill, 14 winners from 70 rides, 20.0%; Pat Eddery, 21 from 119, 17.6%; M Henry, 4 from 25, 16.0%; J Reid, 27 from 187, 14.4%; N Varley, 5 from 35, 14.3%; R Hughes, 10 from 72, 13.9%; B Doyle, 7 from 55, 12.7%

3.20 DICK POOLE FILLIES CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £6,726: 6f) (8)

1	(7)	1	ALUMISIYAH 31 (F) H Thomson Jones 8-12	R Hills	92
2	(2)	13	ARRUHAN 50 (C,F) P Walwyn 8-12	R Cochrane	94
3	(8)	1	COWRIE 94 (F) R Johnson Houghton 8-12	T Sprake	81
4	(6)	0313	DANCING DROP 26 (D,F) R Hannon 8-12	R Hughes	94
5	(1)	10	MORE SILVER 78 (BF,F) P Cole 8-12	DOUBTFUL	98
6	(5)	1335	BRIDE'S REPRISAL 19 (F,S) M Channon 8-9	B Doyle	[illegible]
7	(4)	41	CARATI 38 (D,F) R Boss 8-9	S Sanders	90
8	(3)	4066	EYE SHADOW 14 (F) B Meehan 8-9	M Tebbutt	95

3-1 Bride's Reprisal, 7-2 Dancing Drop, 4-1 Alumisiyah, 5-1 Arruhan, 7-1 others.

3.50 WINTERBOURNE HANDICAP (£3,456: 1m) (18)

1	(4)	0010	ARTFUL DANE 22 (D,F) M Heaton-Ellis 4-10-0	A Clark	97
2	(18)	2106	SET THE FASHION 11 (V,D,F,G) D Williams 7-9-9	G Bardwell	91
3	(16)	4F02	MILOS 13 (F,G) T Naughton 5-9-9	T Sprake	94
4	(12)	0100	ROI DE LA MER 14 (D,F,G) J Akehurst 5-9-8	S Whitworth	93
5	(8)	0450	DAWALIB 21 (D,F,G) D Haydn Jones 6-9-8	R Cochrane	92
6	(7)	5310	HONORABLE ESTATE 15 (D,F,G) R Hannon 3-9-7	Dane O'Neill	98
7	(14)	0506	SEVERN MILL 28 J Bradley 5-9-7	N Adams	[illegible]
8	(17)	3660	SUPERIOR FORCE 7 (D,G) Miss B Sanders 3-9-4	S Sanders	92
9	(10)	-000	CAREFUL 42 B Hills 3-9-4	J D Smith (5)	89
10	(15)	0000	EASY CHOICE 87 (D,G) P Mitchell 4-9-4	R Hughes	89
11	(2)	4600	CATS BOTTOM 67 (F) A Newcombe 4-9-2	D R McCabe	85
12	(1)	2500	MASTER M-E-N 29 (V,F) N Babbage 4-9-1	B Doyle	92
13	(11)	5452	JAAZIM 14 (G) M Madgwick 6-9-0	J Reid	98
14	(9)	5550	MR CUBE 11 (B,D,F,G) J Bradley 6-8-13	C Lowther (7)	95
15	(5)	3160	RACING HAWK 22 (F) M Saunders 4-8-13	P P Murphy (5)	92
16	(13)	0120	SQUARED AWAY 40 (D,F) J Payne 4-8-12	M Tebbutt	91
17	(3)	8506	FAIRELAINE 34 K Bailey 4-8-11	Pat Eddery	88
18	(6)	5530	AUDREY GRACE 26 Miss G Kelleway 5-8-9	D Urbina	94

11-2 Milos, 6-1 Jaazim 7-1 Artful Dane, 8-1 Set The Fashion, Honourable Estate, 10-1 Cats Bottom, Fairelaine, 12-1 others.

4.20 SALISBURY FESTIVAL CONDITIONS STAKES (£5,220: 1m 6f) (4)

1	(2)	2530	LATAHAAB 18 (F,S) R Akehurst 5-9-4	T Ives	90
2	(3)	1464	SAMRAAN 19 (F,G,S) J Dunlop 3-9-1	Pat Eddery	88
3	(4)	4502	DOUBLE LEAF 12 (G) M Stoute 3-8-7	J Reid	[illegible]
4	(1)	1	HALEAKALA 71 (F) M Johnston 3-8-4	B Doyle	95

4-5 Double Leaf, 11-4 Samraan, 3-1 Latahaab, 6-1 Haleakala.

4.50 BLANDFORD HANDICAP (£4,029: 5f) (17)

1	(10)	1021	MOON STRIKE 12 (D,F,G,S) H Akbary 5-10-0	D Biggs	[illegible]
2	(6)	2203	SPENDER 28 (D,BF,F,G) P Harris 7-8-10	G Hind	97
3	(12)	0604	TART AND A HALF 10 (D,F) B Meehan 4-9-6	M Tebbutt	92
4	(15)	3605	MOUSEHOLE 12 (B,D,F) R Guest 4-9-4	J Reid	96
5	(3)	3622	IMPOSING TIME 8 (B,D,BF,F,G) Miss G Kelleway 5-8-11	Dane O'Neill	97
6	(14)	5231	SQUIRE CORRIE 6 (B,D,F,G) G Harwood 4-8-11 (6ex)	Gaye Harwood (7)	95
7	(2)	50-5	SUPREME THOUGHT 35 L Cottrell 4-8-9	S Sanders	94
8	(4)	-005	MILLESIME 23 (D,F) B Hanbury 4-8-8	J Stack	85
9	(11)	1531	PHARAOH'S JOY 28 (D,F) J Payne 3-8-8	R Cochrane	95
10	(8)	0501	WINDRUSH BOY 10 (D,F,G) J Bosley 6-8-8 (6ex)	Aimee Cook (5)	90
11	(16)	2635	NED'S BONANZA 8 (D,F,G) M Dods 7-8-7	A Clark	98
12	(13)	5035	NELLIE NORTH 11 (V,D,G) G McCourt 3-8-6	Pat Eddery	95
13	(17)	0665	RED TIME 8 M Saunders 3-8-2	F Norton	92
14	(9)	0026	MAC OATES 8 D Arbuthnot 3-7-12	C Rutter	87
15	(1)	-054	TACHYCARDIA 38 (D,BF,F) R O'Sullivan 4-7-10	N Varley (3)	91
16	(5)	-001	ASHKERNAZY 17 (D,BF,F) N Berry 5-7-10	C Adamson (5)	93
17	(7)	4004	SUPERLAO 14 (D,F,G) J Bridger 4-7-10	Darren Moffatt (3)	88

5-1 Squire Corrie, 6-1 Moon Strike, 7-1 Spender, 8-1 Tart And A Half, Imposing Time, 9-1 Pharaoh's Joy, 10-1 Ned's Bonanza, 12-1 others.

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2.30 PATCHAM CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,138: 2m 1f) (7 runners)

1	100-	ANTONIO MARIANO 104 (F) J Gifford 5-11-10	L Aspell
2	5-12	SAFETY 17 (B,CD,BF,F,G) J White 9-11-8	T J Murphy
3	-512	PAIR OF JACKS 10 (CD,BF,F,G) G L Moore 6-10-11	B Fenton
4	26-2	TEL E THON 10 (V,CD,F,G) Miss C Caroe 9-10-7	D Fortt
5	56-3	SCRIPT 8 (V,F) J Jenkins 5-10-6	N T Egan (5)
6	POP-	ARAMON 16F (B,F,G) M Haynes 6-10-4	Michael Brennan
7	34-5	EMALLEN 17 (BF) Mrs L Jewell 8-10-0	Sophie Mitchell

3-1 Antonio Mariano, 7-2 Pair Of Jacks, 4-1 Safety, Tel E Thon, 6-1 Script, 7-1 others.

3.00 LINDFIELD SELLING HURDLE (£1,859: 2m 4f) (7)

1	50P-	ROGER'S PAL 147 (C,G,S) A Moore 9-11-12	M Batchelor (7)
2	P523	HACKETTS CROSS 9 (F) P Eccles 8-11-5	A Maguire
3	0P-3	BALLAD RULER 10 (G) P Pritchard 10-10-12	R Supple
4	61/R	KINGSWELL BOY 9 (G) M Pipe 10-10-12	D Bridgwater
5	6-34	TUG YOUR FORELOCK 9 (G) J Houghton 5-10-12	A Thornton
6	2/	KESANTA 12F W G M Turner 6-10-7	A P McCoy
7		DUDWELL VALLEY Mrs L Jewell 4-10-5	J Railton

2-1 Hacketts Cross, 5-2 Kesanta, 4-1 Kingswell Boy, Tug Your Forelock, 6-1 others.

3.30 DOUG WOOD NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,934: 2m) (4)

4.00 HAYWARDS HEATH NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,248: 2m 1f) (14)

1		COURBARIL 24F S Dow 4-11-6	A P McCoy
2	1153	DENOMINATION 15 (F) M Pipe 4-11-3	D Bridgwater
3	00-	SOLO VOLUMES 22F H Rowsell 7-11-2	B Powell
4	2-65	REEFA'S MILL 10 (B) J Neville 4-11-0	W Marston
5	041-	GONE FOR LUNCH 108 (F) Miss H Knight 5-10-13	J Culloty
6		RADICAL EXCEPTION 8F D Williams 6-10-10	P Holley
7	-521	BURNT SIENNA 10 (V,F) J Moore 4-10-9	W McFarland
8	0P/	LUCKY DOMINO 134P M Sheppard 6-10-7	R Johnson
9	PPPP	ON THE LEDGE 19 H Manners 6-10-7	A Dowling (7)
10	P/P-	WOODLANDS ELECTRIC 38F P Pritchard 6-10-7	R Supple
11	PPP-	FLASHING SABRE 10 H Manners 4-10-5	Mr A Charles-Jones
12	353-	MORE BILLS 122 A Moore 4-10-5	M Batchelor (7)
13		PAPER CLOUD 42F R Phillips 4-10-3	J Railton
14	D	TWO HEARTS 49 J Dufosee 4-10-3	P Henley (5)

3-1 Gone For Lunch, 4-1 Courbaril, Denomination, 6-1 Burnt Sienna, 8-1 Reefa's Mill, 10-1 More Bills, 14-1 Paper Cloud, 20-1 others.

4.30 GEORGE POOLE NOVICES CHASE (£2,976: 2m 5f) (7)

1	1333	HIZAL 10 (F) H Manners 7-11-5	Mr A Charles-Jones
2	144-	MILL O'THE RAGS 98 (F) Mrs D Haine 7-10-12	J F Titley
3	4044	MIRAMARE 21 J Dufosee 6-10-12	P Henley (5)
4	3-21	NORTH BANNISTER 10 (F,G,S) T McGovern 9-10-12	G Crone
5	60P-	STRAIGHT LACED 117 (G,S) P Clarke 9-10-12	B Fenton
6	/0P-	FORT GALE 195 C Brooks 5-10-9	G Bradley
7	6-04	OUR NIKKI 15 P Rodford 6-10-7	S Burrough

2-1 Mill O'The Rags, 7-2 Hizal, 4-1 North Bannister, 9-2 Fort Gale, 8-1 others

5.00 PEASE POTTAGE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,280: 2m 4f) (6)

1	14-4	FIRST CLASS 78 (F) G Alford 6-12-0	B Fenton
2	R-31	EFHARISTO 64 (B,G) J White 7-11-12	A Maguire
3	0456	POSITIVO 7 Miss C Caroe 5-11-5	I Lawrence
4	4-52	CANARY FALCON 27 H Collingridge 5-11-2	V Smith
5	401-	BRASSIC LINT 127 (CD,F) J Neville 6-10-7	D

CRICKET: GOOCH REGAINS CONTROL FOR TITLE CONTENDERS AS WARWICKSHIRE RUE TWO MISSED CHANCES TO DISMISS HIM

Admirable Khan surmounts crisis

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

EDGBASTON (second day of four): Essex, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 98 runs ahead of Warwickshire

WHILE September brings its usual sequence of swift and undignified submissions, this match is an honourable dogfight. Warwickshire have won many such scraps in two seasons as champions but it is Essex who need the points now and, by last night, they were just about back on course.

It was a tense, oscillating second day. Warwickshire, 14 for four after the first ball of the morning, rallied as Essex had done on Tuesday, claiming a lead of 15 through a stoical century from Wasim Khan. Runs were notably easier to come by in the evening sunshine, however, and Warwickshire may pay heavily for twice dropping Graham Gooch.

Catching, indeed, has not been a strong point of this game. Essex put down no fewer than six chances and, although some were difficult, they were the kind of chances that potential champions must hold. None was more galling than Such's miss, full stretch at fourth slip, to reprieve Khan from the last ball on Tuesday; he had made only four at the time.

Yesterday, in his understated way, Khan batted masterfully. He made virtually half the total and offered no further chance until he was last out for 126 — 95 more than the next highest score. His has been a baffling season, redeemed by two championship centuries in the last month. The latest was an admirable effort, made under the pressures of tumbling wickets, an out-of-form top order and an absent overseas player.

This fixture is unusually free of foreign influence but it may be the last game Essex have to play without their import. Stuart Law will fly back to London tonight if Australia fail to reach the final of the Singer Cup in Sri Lanka. He would then be available for the NatWest Trophy final at Lord's on Saturday, as well as the last two rounds of championship cricket.

A batsman of Law's dependability has been the missing element of Warwickshire's season, especially with Dominic Ostler so dismally short of form. He looked aggrieved to be given out to Neil Williams' first ball yesterday, and the bowler conspicuously did not appeal, but it was symptomatic of his season.

Gooch missed Penney before he caught him and Grayson performed the same act of atonement after putting down Brown. Warwickshire were now 125 for six but, as on the opening day, the ball swung and seamed decreasingly.

In such circumstances, the Essex attack cries out for a strike bowler. Instead, as the seamers wilted, the spin of Such was given its first airing for the 60th over. Without bowling especially well, he picked up two wickets and extracted enough turn to promise him a more productive second innings.

Brown and Piper supported Khan loyally, in stands of 60 and 55, and even the last two wickets added 51 before Cowan ended Essex's frustration with his third wicket.

Khan had batted for 320 minutes, or 87 overs, and kept Warwickshire in the match. Gooch now set about shifting the balance once more and was immediately authoritative. Warwickshire gave him a hand, Ostler dropping a hard slip chance when he had made 22 and Munton a simpler one at mid-on, 16 runs later. Gooch celebrated by driving the unfortunate Neil Smith into the pavilion, next ball, and, despite losing Grayson to a loose drive, was in full sail by the close.

NIGEL ANDREWS

Rollins awaits the catch but Lathwell plays safe on his way to a century against Derbyshire at Taunton yesterday

Julian proves a hard act to follow

By Jack Bailey

THE OVAL (second day of four): Surrey, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 242 runs ahead of Northamptonshire

BRENDON JULIAN is having quite a match. First, a dashing century, then a career-best haul of six wickets for 37 that put Northamptonshire in danger of being asked to follow on.

Julian initially broke the back of the Northamptonshire batting and then, when David Ripley and Jeremy Snape staged a stern rearguard action, along he came to snip off the tail, leaving the visiting team 160 runs behind Surrey and Alec Stewart with a head-scratching decision.

In the end, Stewart decided to bat again. Yet as Ripley and Snape battled away to restore their team's fortunes, if only partially, putting on 87 gritty runs for the eighth wicket, it was the avoidance or otherwise of the follow-on that loomed large in the minds of batsmen and fielders alike.

There was an intensity about this match within the match that gripped like a vice. So indifferently had Northamptonshire batted after needing a new ball to take Surrey's last wicket, so well had Julian bowled in taking three of the seven wickets to fall while 144 was scraped together and so long did Ripley and Snape resist all attempts to dislodge them that the outcome of the big Australian's final burst seemed of real moment.

When he had Ripley snapped up by the newly-capped Graham Kersey, after as gallant a half-century as you will see, and then made short work of Ambrose and Taylor, Julian's was a job thoroughly well done and it was with a sense of anticlimax that one heard of Surrey's decision to bat again. So far, though, it has been justified.

The last phase saw Surrey increase their lead with calm certainty. This was in direct contrast to Northamptonshire's early efforts. Only Sales stayed long enough to look the part. Finally it was all Ripley and Snape. Ripley is a backs-to-the-wall specialist, a Yorkshireman of the old school. A renowned saver of lost causes, he provided with Snape an element of backbone for Northamptonshire. A lot more will be required if Surrey are to be thwarted.

Lathwell's century stiffens Somerset resistance

By Michael Henderson

TAUNTON (second day of four): Somerset, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 286 runs behind Derbyshire

AFTER making their highest score against Somerset, 524, Derbyshire found it difficult to shape this game as they would like. Switch bowlers as they did, they could take only four wickets in two sessions although their chance of a victory has not totally receded. Somerset still need 137 to avoid the follow-on.

The day's centre-piece was a bracing century by Lathwell, his first in the championship this year. He hit 20 fours and perished looking for his 21st, playing-on as he tried to smash Malcolm through cover. After his departure in the 47th over, and Bowler's in the next, Somerset were happy just to see the day out.

Lathwell and Trescothick set off at a brisk pace after Derbyshire were bowled out shortly before lunch. Trescothick will have kicked himself for surrendering his wicket, well though Krikken held the catch, and he had to watch enviously as Lathwell went to his 100 with a succession of nicely timed strokes, particularly off his legs. Malcolm had put Trescothick on his backside with a fierce early bouncer, but Cork was less intimidating, Trescothick pulling him confidently for six in his first over.

Harris, once he changed ends, proved the best of the bowlers and fully deserved Bowler's wicket with a leg-before he did not even appeal for.

When Lathwell plays as freely as he did yesterday, he looks quite a player. It is not necessarily application he lacks, so much as interest. If he acquired some of that, he could still make something of his career but his desultory manner in the field is revealing.

Roberts, 22, the left-arm spinner, enjoyed a more productive championship debut than he can possibly have dreamt of, even before he had Ecclestone leg-before. He completed a thoroughly good half-century as Derbyshire plundered 135 runs in the morning. Lee conceded 52 of them in six overs.

In all, Derbyshire got 278 runs from the men who batted at Nos 6, 7, 8 and 9. Krikken, who made his maiden first-class hundred in July, came within 11 runs of another, and it would not have flattered him. Roberts made 52 impressively before Batty's excellent catch at cover.

Unselfish Whitaker displays his leadership qualities

By Simon Wilde

TRENT BRIDGE (second day of four): Leicestershire, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 17 runs ahead of Nottinghamshire

CAPTAINCY has been the making of James Whitaker this season and his leadership may yet make Leicestershire county champions. Although recently troubled by injury and illness, he played yesterday what was by some distance his biggest and best innings for two months to put his side in control of their match with Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge.

He scored 116 not out and Vince Wells 119 — the fourth centuries of the summer for both men — as Leicestershire forged their way to 341 for five and a small lead.

Whitaker's typical batting style this season has been to take the attack to the opposition, encouraging Jack Birkenshaw, the Leicestershire coach, to state that he is playing better than at any time since his one Test appearance for England ten years ago. But here, after a bright start, he was watchfulness itself, leaving a succession of partners to punish a thin Nottinghamshire attack, while he held the innings together.

This was typical; this season Whitaker has enjoyed personal success while also involving himself in all his players' highs and lows. His own century clearly gave him equal pleasure, though it possibly went down less well with Nottinghamshire, who thought they had him caught off Afford on 31.

While Whitaker held one end secure for five hours, Wells, Smith and Macmillan scored freely at the other. When Wells and he were scoring 167 for the second wicket, Nottinghamshire looked bereft of ideas, Afford's persistent bowling from over the wicket saying it all. Wells would have lapped him backward of square until the close had not Johnson turned in desperation to Dowman, who promptly prised out both Wells and Smith. Dowman had not previously claimed a first-class victim.

Nottinghamshire were not helped by a hip injury to Evans, which kept him off the field from mid-afternoon, and the absence of Cairns, who is resting a groin strain. The all-rounder yesterday signed to play for the club for the next two seasons, although his commitments with New Zealand will prevent him taking a full part in either.

Leatherdale takes his chance

By Pat Gibson

WORCESTER (second day of four): Sussex, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 173 runs behind Worcestershire

CENTURIES were like London buses yesterday for David Leatherdale and Steven Rhodes, the two Yorkshiremen who had to go west to further their cricketing ambitions. Both of them had been waiting for one for ages when along came two at once.

Leatherdale made his first hundred for more than two years, Rhodes his first in three as they put on 219 — the fifth-highest partnership for the sixth wicket in Worcestershire's history — to leave Sussex needing 194 to avoid an innings defeat.

Leatherdale's achievement was the more bizarre. He was supposed to be playing for the second team against Essex at Chelmsford, where his five for 23 on Monday put them on the way to victory, but was recalled to New Road when Spiring went down with tonsillitis.

Then he had to go in with Kirtley, the Sussex fast bowler, on a hat-trick after having Moody and Solanki caught behind by Moores, who was remarkably alert considering that he had spent the night dashing to Brighton and back for the birth of his second child.

Having survived a vigorous appeal for leg-before first ball, Leatherdale saw Worcestershire lose their third wicket in five balls when Curtis, who had just completed 20,000 runs in first-class cricket, was caught off Salisbury for 61. However, that was the last success Sussex that enjoyed for 61 overs.

Rhodes had already figured in three previous stands of more than 200 for Worcestershire's sixth wicket. He gave Leatherdale all the support he needed on his way to 122, off 195 balls with 19 fours and a five, and he got his due reward when he completed his own century, which included a six and ten fours, off 191 balls.

Mascarenhas shows promise

By Ivo Tennant

SOUTHAMPTON (second day of four): Hampshire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 208 runs behind Glamorgan

IT HAS not always been apparent this season, but Hampshire do have a future. Jason Laney, their gifted opening batsman, reached the first championship century of his career in the last over of the day and Dmitri Mascarenhas, an all-rounder, took six for 88 on his first-class debut.

Laney, 23, had already scored hundreds against India and Oxford University. Now there should be plenty more. Mascarenhas, who is 18, has the considerable ability to move the ball both ways. Given that this is the time of year when counties are looking to next summer, their performances were highly opportune. Morris, as well as Terry, is leaving Hampshire; Mascarenhas is joining them on a two-year contract.

His figures were the best by a Hampshire bowler on his debut since Charles Llewellyn, a slow medium bowler, took eight for 132 in 1899. That was against the Australians. It is an indication of how times have changed that Mascarenhas, who grew up in Perth, is the latest cricketer who might well have to decide which country to play for.

His three wickets yesterday included that of Shaw, who was dropped twice off his bowling before reaching a maiden half century. There were runs, too, for Croft, 67 including eight fours, as well as two wickets when Hampshire batted with as much panache as Glamorgan on this decent pitch. He can do little wrong at present.

Glamorgan's intentions of bowling Hampshire out twice in two-and-a-half days came to little. The first 50 runs the openers put on came off just 37 balls and included 11 fours. Their driving was terrific. Laney reached his century off 163 balls, with 19 fours, his authority evident from the opening over.

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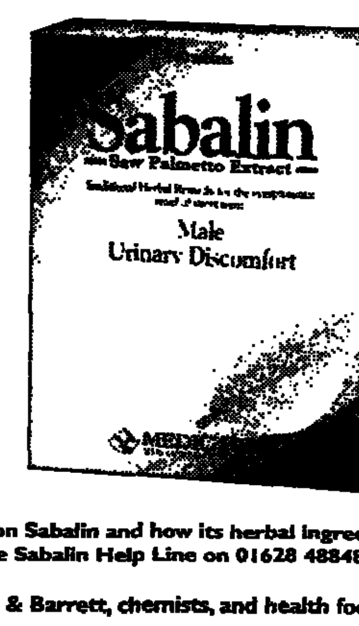

Lancashire left with uphill task

OLD TRAFFORD (second day of four): Lancashire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, need 128 runs to beat Middlesex

LANCASHIRE, needing only 130 to beat Middlesex on a controversial pitch at Old Trafford and so record their first home championship win of the season, lost three front-line batsmen while scoring two runs in the final four overs of another fluctuating day.

Phil Tufnell trapped Jason Gallian leg-before and had John Crawley caught off a top-edged sweep after Richard Johnson had sent back Steve Titchard with his first ball.

Tufnell now has eight for 75 in the match after taking two of the three wickets that remained in Lancashire's first innings. Lancashire did well to extend their lead from 15 to 102, Titchard making 67 after battling for 256 minutes.

Middlesex then slipped to 30 for three in their second innings and, despite a determined half-century from Mike Gatting, who has been reappointed as captain for next season, with Mark Ramprakash as his deputy, they were only 17 ahead when Mike Watkinson trapped his opposite number leg-before.

However, Keith Brown stayed for more than three hours for 83 and, under his guidance, the last five wickets produced 112 runs, which could prove important today.

The pitch was examined by Harry Brind, the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) inspector, before the start of play. Tim Lamb, the TCCB cricket secretary, said last night that a special investigation panel would make a formal assessment of the pitch at the end of the match.

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Hampshire v Glamorgan

SOUTHAMPTON (second day of four): Hampshire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 208 runs behind Glamorgan

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

S P James lbw b Mascarenhas	103
H Morris c White b Mascarenhas	80
A Dale c Aymes b Mascarenhas	0
*M P Maynard c and b Renshaw	15
P A Cottey c Aymes b Botham	8
†A D Shaw b Mascarenhas	53
D A Cosker b Mascarenhas	6
O D Gibson c Aymes b Mascarenhas	14
R D B Croft b Maru	67
S L Watkin run out	34
O T Parkin not out	13
Extras (lb 4, nb 4)	8
Total	401

Score at 120 overs: 397-9

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-177, 2-177, 3-194, 4-198, 5-226, 6-256, 7-271, 8-288, 9-358

BOWLING: Renshaw 30-7-110-1; Thursfield 18-3-75-0; Maru 19.5-9-45-1; Botham 14-2-59-1; Mascarenhas 32-8-88-6; Keech 7-2-20-0.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

G W White c Watkin b Croft	70
J S Laney not out	102
M Keech c Morris b Croft	12
R J Maru not out	3
Extras (lb 5, w 1)	6
Total (2 wkts, 56 overs)	193

*R A Smith, W S Kendall, L J Botham, †A N Aymes, D A Mascarenhas, M J Thursfield and S J Renshaw to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-153, 2-179.

BOWLING: Watkin 7-0-23-0; Gibson 10-1-58-0; Parkin 11-3-30-0; Croft 15-4-21-2; Cosker 13-4-56-0

Bonus points: Hampshire 4 Glamorgan 4

Umpires: G I Burgess and D J Constant.

Lancashire v Middlesex

OLD TRAFFORD (second day of four): Lancashire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, require 128 runs to beat Middlesex

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 160 (M Watkinson 5 for 15, P J Martin 4 for 31)

Second Innings

P N Weekes c Atherton b Watkinson	12
J C Pooley b Martin	4
M R Ramprakash c Titchard b Watkinson	10
*M W Gatting lbw b Watkinson	50
J D Carr b Watkinson	13
†K R Brown b Elworthy	83
O A Shah b Keedy	13
R L Johnson b Martin	9
P C R Tufnell c Watkinson b Keedy	22
A R C Fraser not out	2
R A Fay b Elworthy	2
Extras (lb 6, w 1, nb 4)	11
Total	231

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-27, 3-30, 4-60, 5-119, 6-155, 7-186, 8-227, 9-227

BOWLING: Martin 15-2-37-2; Elworthy 9.1-2-15-2; Watkinson 25-2-104-4; Keedy 27-6-55-2; Green 4-0-14-0

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

J E R Gallian b Weekes	26
S P Titchard c Pooley b Ramprakash	67
J P Crawley lbw b Tufnell	36
M A Atherton lbw b Weekes	14
G D Lloyd c Pooley b Tufnell	5
*M Watkinson c Gatting b Tufnell	0
S Elworthy b Tufnell	3
R J Green run out	20
P J Martin lbw b Tufnell	42
†J J Haynes c Gatting b Tufnell	16
G Keedy not out	1
Extras (b 19, lb 5, nb 8)	32
Total (92.1 overs)	262

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-45, 2-108, 3-125, 4-130, 5-130, 6-138, 7-175, 8-231, 9-253

BOWLING: Fraser 6-1-17-0; Fay 3-0-6-0; Weekes 36-7-119-2; Johnson 2-0-7-0; Tufnell 38.1-11-74-6; Ramprakash 7-0-15-1

Second Innings

*M Watkinson not out	2
S P Titchard lbw b Johnson	0
J E R Gallian lbw b Tufnell	0
J P Crawley c Ramprakash b Tufnell	0
Total (3 wkts)	2

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-2, 3-2.

BOWLING: Johnson 2-1-1-1, Tufnell 2-1-1-2.

Bonus points: Lancashire 6 Middlesex 4

Umpires: J W Holder and G Sharp

Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire

TRENT BRIDGE (second day of four): Leicestershire, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 17 runs ahead of Nottinghamshire

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

P R Pollard c Parsons b Millns	5
R T Robinson c Nixon b Simmons	18
G F Archer c Millns b Simmons	32
*P Johnson run out	27
M P Dowman c Whitaker b Brimson	19
C M Tolley b Pierson	40
K P Evans lbw b Pierson	71
†W M Noon lbw b Parsons	42
R T Bates c Simmons b Pierson	31
M N Bowen c Nixon b Simmons	14
J A Afford not out	1
Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 1, nb 16)	24
Total (109.3 overs)	324

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-64, 3-64, 4-111, 5-111, 6-228, 7-231, 8-287, 9-304

BOWLING: Millns 20-4-69-1; Parsons 24.3-6-78-1; Simmons 26-7-64-3; Wells 10-4-23-0; Brimson 15-3-52-1; Pierson 14-2-31-3

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

V J Wells c Bates b Dowman	119
D L Maddy c Archer b Bates	28
*J J Whitaker not out	116
B F Smith c and b Dowman	24
P V Simmons b Bowen	0
G I Macmillan b Afford	28
†P A Nixon not out	5
Extras (b 8, lb 3, nb 10)	21
Total (5 wkts, 103 overs)	341

G J Parsons, D J Millns, A R K Pierson and M T Brimson to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-61, 2-228, 3-262, 4-267, 5-327

BOWLING: Evans 12-4-23-0; Bowen 20-3-61-1; Tolley 14-2-59-0; Bates 20-1-79-1; Afford 23-4-65-1; Dowman 14-3-43-2.

Bonus points: Nottinghamshire 5 Leicestershire 7

Umpires: B J Meyer and A G T Whitehead

Somerset v Derbyshire

TAUNTON (second day of four): Somerset, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 286 runs behind Derbyshire

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

K J Barnett c Ecclestone b van Troost	27
A S Rollins c Turner b Lee	127
C J Adams c Harden b Caddick	7
*D M Jones c Harden b van Troost	11
T J G O'Gorman c Turner b Caddick	10
D G Cork c Turner b Lee	77
†K M Krikken c Turner b Kerr	89
P A J DeFreitas c Turner b Kerr	60
G M Roberts c Batty b Kerr	52
A J Harris b Caddick	15
D E Malcolm not out	6
Extras (b 4, lb 15, nb 24)	43
Total	524

Score at 120 overs: 463-7

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-41, 2-60, 3-116, 4-132, 5-267, 6-286, 7-369, 8-487, 9-518.

BOWLING: Caddick 37.4-5-140-3; van Troost 8.3-0-40-2; Kerr 25-2-108-3; Lee 24-5-121-2; Batty 34-11-94-0; Bowler 4-2-2-0.

SOMERSET: First Innings

M N Lathwell b Malcolm	109
M E Trescothick c Krikken b Cork	42
*P D Bowler lbw b Harris	37
R J Harden not out	23
S C Ecclestone lbw b Roberts	13
J D Batty not out	2
Extras (lb 4, nb 8)	12
Total (4 wkts, 73 overs)	238

S Lee, †R J Turner, J I D Kerr, A R Caddick and A P van Troost to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-76, 2-194, 3-198, 4-231

BOWLING: Malcolm 19-3-64-1; DeFreitas 15-2-65-0; Cork 14-5-48-1; Harris 11-4-31-1; Roberts 14-6-26-1

Bonus points: Somerset 4 Derbyshire 5

Umpires: P Willey and A Clarkson

Surrey v Northamptonshire

THE OVAL (second day of four): Surrey, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 242 runs ahead of Northamptonshire

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell c Snape b Capel	5
M A Butcher lbw b Capel	26
*A J Stewart lbw b Ambrose	15
G P Thorpe run out	25
N Shahid b Taylor	1
A J Hollioake b Penberthy	129
C C Lewis lbw b Taylor	10
B P Julian c Ripley b Taylor	117
†G J Kersey c Sales b Penberthy	11
M P Bicknell not out	18
J E Benjamin c Sales b Taylor	7
Extras (b 2, lb 13, nb 16)	31
Total (101.5 overs)	395

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-47, 3-66, 4-81, 5-104, 6-147, 7-328, 8-354, 9-374

BOWLING: Ambrose 23-6-76-1; Taylor 23.5-5-87-4; Capel 19-4-74-2; Penberthy 17-4-57-2; Curran 5-0-27-0; Snape 14-1-59-0.

Second Innings

D J Bicknell not out	28
M A Butcher c and b Ambrose	37
†G J Kersey not out	4
Extras (lb 6, w 1, nb 6)	13
Total (1 wkt)	82

FALL OF WICKET: 1-78

BOWLING: Ambrose 12-8-14-1; Taylor 7-4-9-0; Capel 6-1-30-0; Penberthy 7-1-22-0; Snape 3-2-1-0

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

R R Montgomerie c Shahid b M P Bicknell	4
A J Swann b M P Bicknell	6
M B Loye c Butcher b Lewis	9
D J Sales c Thorpe b Julian	33
*K M Curran b Julian	17
D J Capel c Lewis b Julian	12
A L Penberthy c Thorpe b Lewis	28
†D Ripley c Kersey b Julian	55
J N Snape not out	36
C E L Ambrose c Kersey b Julian	3
J P Taylor lbw b Julian	0
Extras (lb 10, nb 22)	32
Total (62 overs)	235

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-21, 3-27, 4-64, 5-88, 6-95, 7-144, 8-231, 9-235

BOWLING: M P Bicknell 14-2-58-2; Lewis 15-1-60-2; Benjamin 14-1-48-0; Julian 13-5-37-6; Hollioake 5-0-22-0; D J Bicknell 1-1-0-0.

Bonus points: Surrey 8 Northamptonshire 5

Umpires: J D Bond and V A Holder

Warwickshire v Essex

EDGBASTON (second day of four): Essex, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 98 runs ahead of Warwickshire

ESSEX: First Innings 238 (R C Irani 69, G C Small 4 for 41)

Second Innings

*G A Gooch not out	58
A P Grayson c Piper b Brown	30
N Hussain not out	21
Extras (b 1, lb 1, w 2)	4
Total (1 wkt)	113

FALL OF WICKET: 1-77.

BOWLING: Small 6-0-41-0; Munton 6-1-13-0; Brown 7-2-22-1; Smith 7-0-35-0.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

N V Knight lbw b Williams	2
A J Moles c Rollins b Williams	2
W G Khan c Rollins b Cowan	126
A F Giles lbw b Ilott	0
D P Ostler c Rollins b Williams	1
T L Penney c Gooch b Cowan	15
D R Brown c Grayson b Cowan	31
†K J Piper c Irani b Such	27
N M K Smith c Grayson b Irani	15
G C Small c Hussain b Such	6
*T A Munton not out	1
Extras (b 1, lb 12, nb 14)	27
Total (90.4 overs)	253

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-10, 3-11, 4-14, 5-65, 6-125, 7-180, 8-202, 9-231.

BOWLING: Ilott 19-5-42-1; Williams 20-1-70-3; Irani 17-4-36-1; Cowan 18.4-4-37-3; Gooch 2-1-12-0; Such 18-4-43-2.

Bonus points: Warwickshire 6 Essex 5.

Umpires: A A Jones and N T Plews.

Worcestershire v Sussex

WORCESTER (second day of four): Sussex, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 173 runs behind Worcestershire

SUSSEX: First Innings 219 (V C Drakes 103)

Second Innings

N J Lenham not out	12
C W J Athey not out	5
Extras (lb 2, w 2)	4
Total (no wkt)	21

BOWLING: Sheriyar 7-2-16-0; Ellis 5-4-2-0; Leatherdale 1-0-1-0

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T S Curtis c M Newell b Salisbury	61
W P C Weston c Kirtley b Law	42
G A Hick c Moores b Law	1
*T M Moody c Moores b Kirtley	30
V S Solanki c Moores b Kirtley	0
D A Leatherdale lbw b Drakes	122
†S J Rhodes lbw b Salisbury	110
S R Lampitt b Drakes	5
S W K Ellis c Salisbury b Drakes	7
M Rawnsley not out	4
Extras (b 2, lb 9, w 4, nb 16)	31
Total (9 wkts dec)	413

Score at 120 overs: 398-7.

A Sheriyar did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-51, 2-61, 3-152, 4-152, 5-152, 6-371, 7-383, 8-409, 9-413.

BOWLING: Drakes 37-9-123-3; Kirtley 30-7-112-2; Law 21-4-67-2; K Newell 3-0-16-0; Salisbury 24.1-6-60-2; Greenfield 5-1-11-0; Lenham 4-0-13-0

Bonus points: Worcestershire 8 Sussex 4

Umpires: J C Balderstone and K E Palmer.

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Chelmsford (final day of three): Essex 144 and 184 (D D J Robinson 66; D A Leatherdale 5-23), Worcestershire 263 (I Dawood 69, C J Schofield 54 not out) and 66-1. Worcestershire win by nine wickets. Derby (final day of three): Surrey 180 and 332-7 dec (G J Kennis 189); Derbyshire 224 and 290-2 (J E Owen 119 not out, M R May 101 not out). Derbyshire win by eight wickets. Northampton (second day of three): Northamptonshire 300-8 dec (T M B Bailey 68, T C Walton 69) and 284-3 (A Fordham 159, R J Warren 96): Glamorgan 292 (A W Evans 78, J R Williams 68, A J Dalton 60; J G Hughes 4-71). Kenilworth (Wardens CC, second day of three): Yorkshire 317 (R Robinson 73, G J Batty 51; M D Edmond 6-89) and 300 (B Parker 82, Robinson 56; Edmond 4-59, G Welch 4-81): Warwickshire 443 (M Burns 127, Edmond 69 not out, G Welch 63, A Frost 57) and 8-0. Uxbridge (RAF Vine Lane, second day of three): Somerset 213 and 117-5. Middlesex 497-9 (K P Dutch 261, D C Nash 100 not out; K J Shine 5-132).

مكتبة الاهل

Managers on the move fail to pass morality test

BRIAN GLANVILLE

George Graham is innocent OK. One has a vision of those words seared into the otherwise immaculate lawn where George Graham now cultivates his flowers and his abiding sense of grievance. Japan, indeed, might be the best place for him.

He still sees himself as a victim, a scapegoat: at the very worst, merely as someone who has broken the eleventh commandment: thou shalt not be found out. As we all know, £425,000 went into his various bank accounts, a delightfully unsolicited gift, from the Norwegian agent, Rune Hauge, though when the heat was on, the money was paid back, not to Hauge but to Arsenal, whence it had come in the first place. The two Scandinavian clubs involved in the transfers of John Jensen and Pal Lyderson to Highbury had, meanwhile, been woefully shortchanged.

Pursuing his claims of innocence, Graham has written an emetic autobiography, one long sustained whine of self-pity and unconvincing casuistry, while its publishers sent an aircraft to trail the title over Arsenal's stadium during a game. Some might have wished for a handy SAM-7. Manchester City and their chairman, Francis Lee, were quite unworried by such considerations. Caught in a crisis, they wanted Graham very badly, thought they had got him, and were bitterly distressed when eventually he turned them down. Exigency had overcome morality as, no doubt, it soon will again.

Before these rumours of Japan and Grampus Eight, the word was that Graham was waiting for the axe to fall on Howard Wilkinson, the manager of Leeds United, before inheriting that lucrative job. And why not, ask the cynics and the pragmatists. Graham has, so to speak, paid his debt to society or to football, even if the suspension was a paltry year.

Besides, is not everybody doing it and had not Graham, at least until recent years, made Arsenal rich and successful? Let him who is without guilt cast the first stone or kick the first football.

I do not, however, feel we are dealing with guilt here, but with shame. If only Graham had shown the slightest contrition. Did so worldly wise a man really think that Christmas had come early? Did he really take no account of the fact that all three clubs involved have suffered? And if other managers had done as much, as some surely have, what palliative is that?

Such an attitude, however, is compounded by the pragmatism, the cynicism, or, if you like, the desperation of Manchester City. Football, always so delicately poised between sport and business and doomed if it ever becomes wholly the second, is the worse for such a saga.

That Graham did great things with Arsenal is beyond dispute, but Arsenal's treatment of him — when they found out his transgression — was ambiguous to say the least. Why in the world did they give him £5 million to fritter away on unwise transfers? But then, did not BBC Radio 5 Live immediately enrol him as a commentator for some weeks at least? Did television not use him too? Did ITV not show an embarrassing, sycophantic interview with him in that very garden?

The modern manager, however, *seems to think that* he is above the law and above conventional morality. If Samuel Goldwyn Sr remarked: "A verbal contract's not worth the paper it is written on," some managers do not believe a written contract has much value either. Make them a better offer and they are off before you can say Mark McGhee.

Successful manager of Reading, McGhee abruptly walked out on them when Leicester City offered him a better deal. Scarcely had Reading finished wringing their hands and fingering their writs than McGhee had moved again, this time to Wolverhampton Wanderers. It is with a certain sense of *Schadenfreude* that one sees him struggling this season, publicly blaming his predecessor for his team's failings.

Leicester seem continually to be involved in such traumas. Brian Little suddenly resigned from Leicester, insisting this had nothing to do with the job at Aston Villa. Alas for him, a letter was discovered, and published, which disclosed that it had everything to do with Aston Villa.

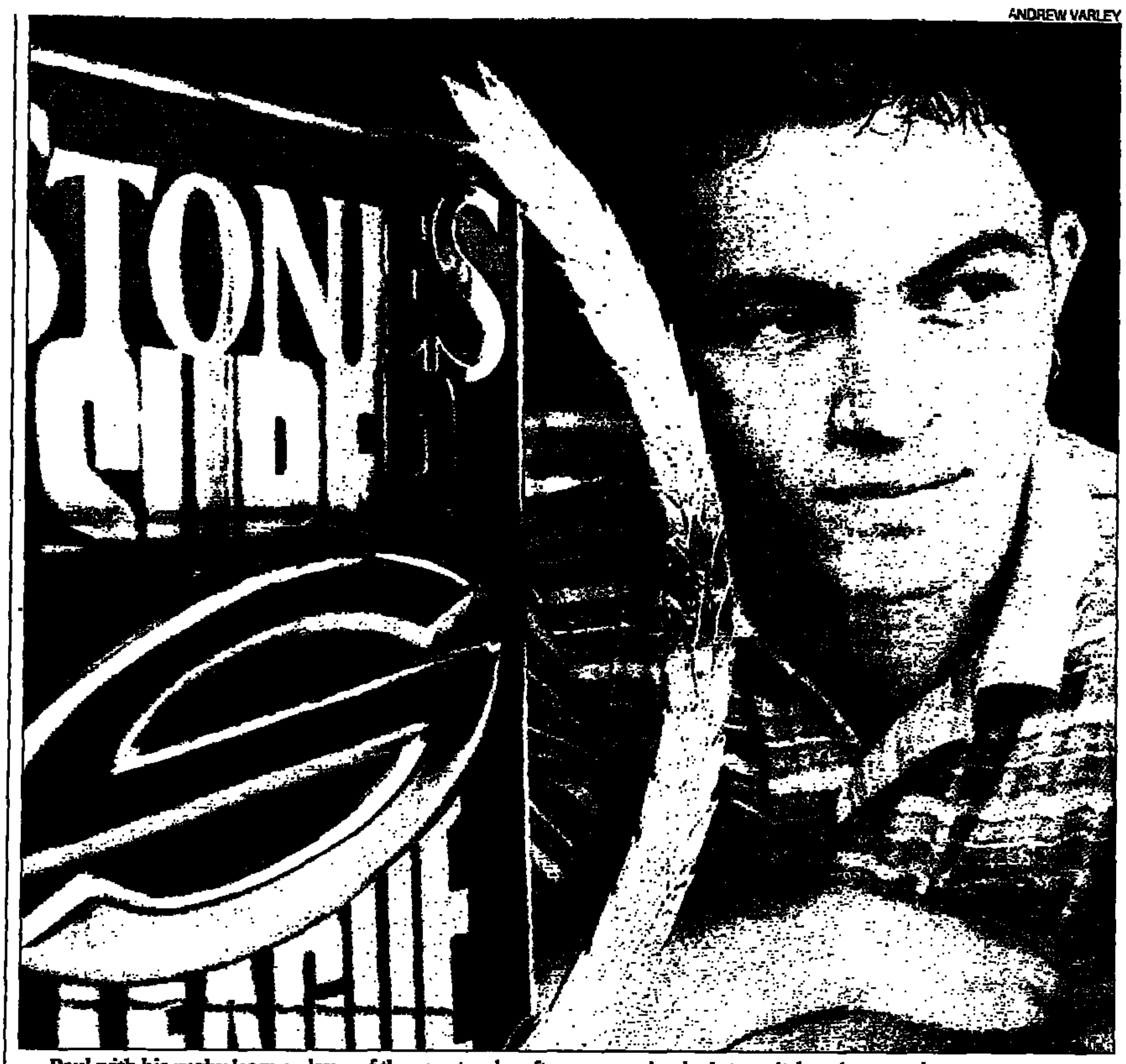
The present Leicester manager is another gifted young man, Martin O'Neill. Wonderfully loyal to Wycombe Wanderers when so many bigger clubs wanted him, he eventually succumbed to an offer from Norwich City. But when Leicester called, out he walked to Filbert Street.

So many managers have done as much, not least Ron Atkinson, who, tempted to leave Sheffield Wednesday for Aston Villa, said he would go, changed his mind, then went anyway. Osvaldo Ardiles walked out on an aggrieved West Bromwich Albion to go to Tottenham Hotspur, where he did not last long. Clubs have their legal remedies, you may say, and so they do. It is also true that, over the years, many a manager has been ruthlessly dismissed and has struggled to gain compensation.

But if such cavalier behaviour is not bringing the game into disrepute, what is? Perhaps, under their new chairman, the Football Association will jump on it at last. There are, after all, worse sins than abusing referees.

☐ *John Bryant is away*

ANDREW VARLEY



Paul with his rugby league player of the year trophy after announcing he is to switch codes on a short-term contract

Paul in novel Harlequins deal

By Christopher Irvine

THE recent one-way movement by more than 30 rugby league players into rugby union became a two-way street yesterday. Robbie Paul, 24 hours after he was named Super League player of the year, left Bradford Bulls in a short-term move to Harlequins, who, under the agreement, are prepared to release a player to Bradford next summer.

Harlequins are giving the younger Paul — whose brother, Henry, is joining Bath from Wigan for half the winter — a contract reportedly worth £75,000 for four months, as well as insuring him and compensating Bradford for the services of their inspirational New Zealand captain and scrum half, until January 11.

The player-release clause agreed by Harlequins is an option for the Bulls, subject to personal terms with whoever they might want. Will Carling, the former England captain, was the obvious name to crop up yesterday, but when Matthew Elliott, the Bradford coach, confirmed his interest in a Harlequins centre, he was jokingly referring to Gary Connolly, of Wigan, another of the new, year-round players of both codes.

Although Bradford were reluctant to part in the off-season with Paul, 20, they got the best of both worlds by his agreement to a four-year extension on his contract at Odsal. Paul said he was committed to rugby league and had plenty of ambitions with Bradford still to fulfil. Nonetheless, his one-off loan spell with Harlequins means that, like his brother, he will almost certainly miss New Zealand's three-match autumn series against Great Britain.

"I'm a rugby league boy through and through," he said. "I've played it all my life. My father taught me and coached me. It's something I've never been without. Playing union is, however, a challenge. I love the thrill of the chase. I'm going to Harlequins to do my best. Then, I'll be looking forward to Super League, in 1997."

Paul's position appears to be different to that of his brother. Henry, 22, has mentioned the possibility of playing union full-time, when his contract at Wigan expires in two years. Robbie trained for the first time with Harlequins last night, but he did not expect to be selected for the Courage league match on Saturday against West Hartlepool.

He last played union at high school at flanker and full back. His position in the backs at Harlequins has yet to be finalised. Even after a non-stop 12 months of league, Paul said he was physically prepared. "Mentally, if your sick of looking at an oval ball, then you're not going to play well, but I am mentally strong," he said.

Chris Joynt, the St Helens forward, needs a knee cartilage operation and will miss the Papua New Guinea and Fiji legs of the Great Britain tour this autumn. St Helens will have to decide whether to risk him in the Stones Premiership final against Wigan, at Old Trafford, on Sunday.

Warrington have transfer-listed 19 players, including Lee Penny, the Britain Under-21 full back, and two overseas players, Salesi Finau and Kris Watson, for a combined total of £465,000.

SNOOKER

Dispute set to threaten appearance by Hendry

By Phil Yates

IAN DOYLE, the most powerful manager in snooker, yesterday threatened to withdraw Stephen Hendry and four of his other clients from the German Open in December. The forthright businessman is vehemently opposed to a late change in format.

Doyle was incensed when the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA), the governing body, decided to play an additional qualifying round to reduce from 32 to 16 the field for the finals in Osnabrück.

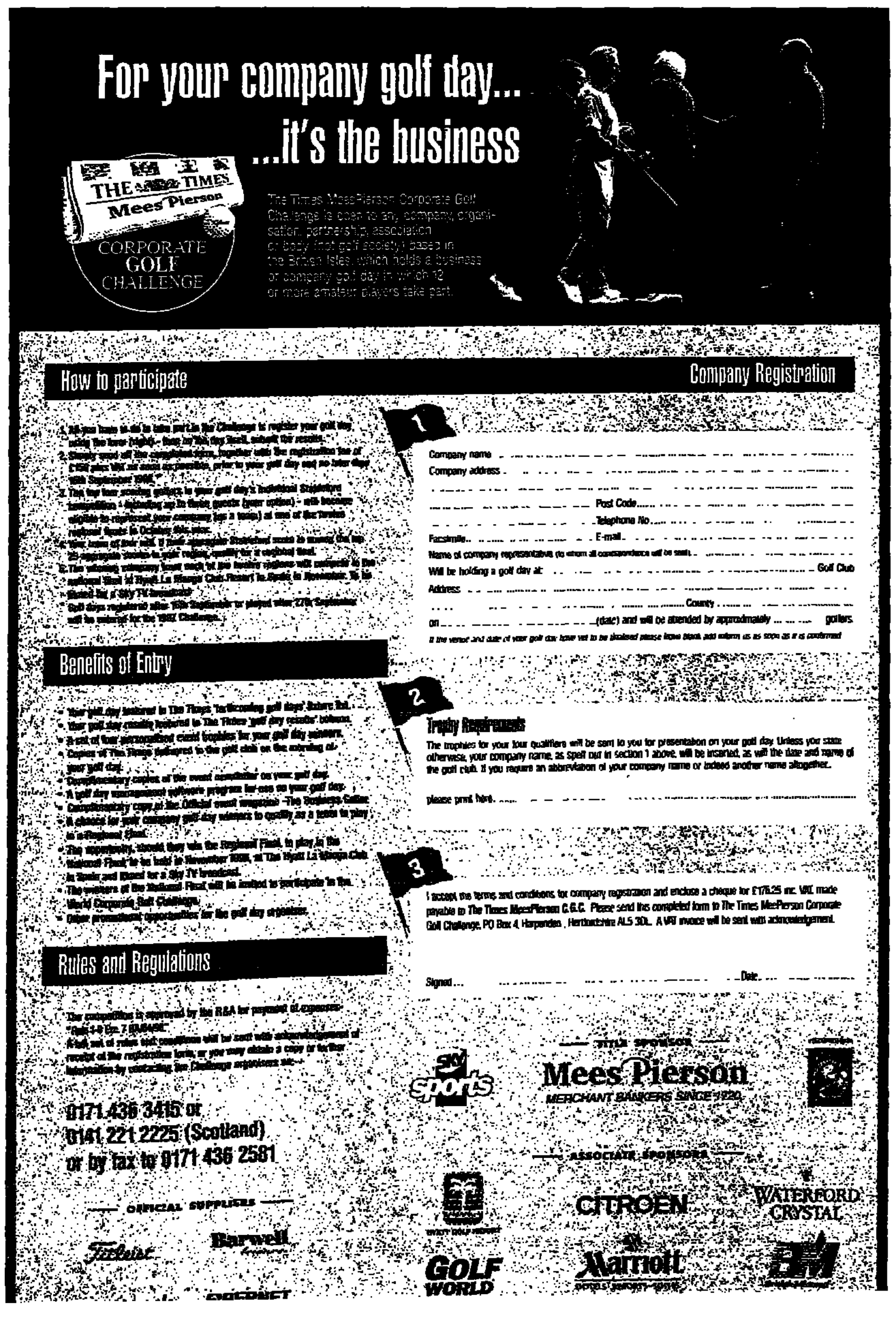
This will now be contested on November 14 at Preston on the eve of the United Kingdom championship and on a day when Hendry, Ken Doherty, Nigel Bond and Mark Williams are all involved in a corporate day with the sponsors of Doyle's management stable. Doyle did not mince his words: "Why is it that snooker is plagued by amateurish planning? For the world champion, [Hendry] not to be consulted as to his availability is disgraceful.

"The corporate day in London has been in place since the tournament dates were sent to us earlier this summer. I find it extraordinary that the WPBSA has the audacity to issue a directive like this at such short notice. The gaffs that spew out of the WPBSA office are now reaching farcical proportions."

Doyle, who has already taken legal advice about the matter, added: "They are being totally unreasonable making this late date change."

Geoff Foulds, the WPBSA vice-chairman, insisted: "Every time we do something with our dates, Mr Doyle seems to have a problem. Any manager who books a corporate day the day before a major championship, without checking with the WPBSA, should look at the way he runs his business."

Surprisingly, none of the 32 players who contested the eighth round of the event in Blackpool yesterday was given any inkling beforehand that victory would ensure a trip to Germany. Ian Sergeant, of Tredegar, who whitewashed Willie Thorne 5-0, described the situation as "a joke".



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FOOTBALL: HARTFORD HEADS LIST OF POTENTIAL MANAGERS AT MAINE ROAD

Victory fails to disguise City's plight

By Peter Ball

MANCHESTER CITY'S 2-1 defeat of Charlton Athletic on Tuesday night might appear to have lightened, if not lifted, the storm clouds hovering over Maine Road, but, in this case, appearances are totally misleading.

Ignoring the three points — gifted, as Alan Curbishley, the unhappy Charlton manager, said, "by inept finishing and some appalling refereeing" — Tuesday's performance was almost indescribable. "Appalling? 'Orrible? Shambolic? No, they weren't even that good," was the view of the *Manchester Evening News*.

Asa Hartford, the caretaker manager, at least had no illusions after his first game in temporary charge. "I can't remember such a poor performance from a City side as from us in the first half," he said.

Where City and Hartford go from here is troubling. Hartford refused to confirm that he has had a change of heart about wanting the job (he had said he was not interested), but he remains in charge until Saturday, when Danny Wilson brings his Barnsley team to Maine Road.

Francis Lee, the City chairman, insisted yesterday that nothing would be decided before then. As well as Hartford, the club have several other names on their shortlist of potential managers, with Wilson believed to be one of them, but City may also be waiting to see, in Lee's words, "if anyone else emerges by the weekend". It is thought that rumours of Terry Venables's unhappiness at Portsmouth mean that he is the man the club is waiting and hoping for. If so, City seem certain to be disappointed once again, with Venables unlikely to want to embark on a job with so many drawbacks, as his close friend, George Graham, suggested when he turned it down. Why Wilson would want to leave Barnsley for City, having turned down the chance to manage Sheffield Wednesday 15 months ago, is equally questionable.

Which may leave Hartford, who is aware at least of the magnitude of the task facing whoever gets the job. Until the referee's late intervention on Monday night, awarding City a highly dubious penalty, which Uwe Rösler converted for an undeserved equaliser ten minutes' from the end — Gerry Creaney struck an even less merited winner shortly afterwards — City had been abysmal, a side lacking leadership and organisation. To instil the latter should not be beyond a manager, although it may mean sacrificing some of the club's talented individuals for the common cause.

TUESDAY NIGHT'S LATE RESULTS

COCA-COLA CUP: First round, second leg: Barnet 2 Exeter 0 (Barnet win 6-0 on aggregate); Barnsley 2 Rochdale 0 (Barnsley win 3-2 on aggregate); Blackpool 2 Scunthorpe 0 (Blackpool win 3-2 on aggregate); Bournemouth 0 Ipswich 3 (Ipswich win 5-1 on aggregate); Bradford 1 Sheffield United 2 (Sheffield United win 5-1 on aggregate), Bristol City 1 Torquay 0 (Bristol City win 4-3 on aggregate); Burnley 2 Mansfield 0 (Burnley win 5-0 on aggregate); Bury 1 Notts County 0 (Bury win 2-1 on aggregate); Cambridge United 1 Hereford 1 (Hereford win 4-1 on aggregate); Chester 1 Carlisle United 3 (Carlisle win 4-1 on aggregate), Chesterfield 1 Stockport County 2 (Stockport win 4-2 on aggregate); Crewe 1 Port Vale 5 (Port Vale win 6-1 on aggregate), Fulham 1 Southend 2 (Fulham win 3-2 on aggregate); Gillingham 2 Swansea 0 (Gillingham win 3-0 on aggregate); Grimsby 0 Oldham 1 (aet; 0-1 after 90min; 1-1 on aggregate; Oldham win 6-5 on penalties); Lincoln 3 Hartlepool 2 (Lincoln win 5-4 on aggregate); Northampton 2 Cardiff 0 (Northampton win 2-1 on aggregate); Peterborough 2 Millwall 0 (aet; 1-0 after 90min; Peterborough win 2-1 on aggregate); Plymouth 0 Brentford 0 (Brentford win 1-0 on aggregate); Preston 4 Wigan 4 (aet; 3-4 after 90min; Preston win 7-6 on aggregate); Rotherham 0 Darlington 1 (Darlington win 2-0 on aggregate); Scarborough 3 Hull 2 (Scarborough win 5-4 on aggregate); Tranmere 1 Shrewsbury 1 (Tranmere win 3-1 on aggregate). Watford 2 Walsall 0 (Watford win 2-1 on aggregate); West Bromwich 1 Colchester 3 (Colchester win 5-4 on aggregate). Wrexham 1 Huddersfield 2 (Huddersfield win 5-1 on aggregate). Wycombe 2 Reading 0 (Wycombe win 3-1 on aggregate); York 2 Doncaster 0 (York win 3-1 on aggregate)

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Manchester City 2 Charlton 1

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Altrincham 0 Morecambe 1; Bromsgrove 1 Kettering 2. Dover 5 Woking 1; Farnborough 1 Hayes 1. Halifax 2 Gateshead 0; Rushden and Diamonds 1 Macclesfield 1. Slough 5 Bath 2; Telford 1 Southport 0

SCOTTISH COCA-COLA CUP: Third round: Albion 0 Hibernian 2; Dundee United 2 Dundee 2 (aet; 1-1 after 90min, Dundee win 4-2 on penalties); Greenock Morton 3 Aberdeen 7 (aet, 3-3 after 90min); Partick Thistle 1 Airdrie 0; St Johnstone 1 Hearts 3 (aet; 1-1 after 90min).

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: East Fife 1 Clydebank 1

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Chorley 1 Barrow 3. Colwyn Bay 5 Bamber Bridge 2. Frickley 2 Boston 2; Marine 2 Harwood 1 Workington 0, Matlock Town 1 Lincoln United 4; Stocksbridge PS 2 Curzon Ashton 2, Warrington 1 Flixton 2. Worksop 1 Eastwood Town 1.

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashford 2 Sudbury 2; Cambridge City 1 Sittingbourne 3; Cheltenham 2 Atherstone 0, Dorchester 2 Crawley 5; Gresley 3 Halesowen 0; Hastings 2 Gravesend and Northfleet 1; King's Lynn 2 Chelmsford 2; Merthyr 2 Salisbury 3; Nuneaton 0 Baldock 3

ICIS LEAGUE: First division: Maidenhead United 2 Chesham 1. Second division: Banstead 3 Dorking 0; Chalfont St Peter 0 Wembley 0; Cheshunt 1 Witham 0, Hungerford 2 Ware 2; Windsor and Eton 2 Leighton 0. Third division: Wingate and Finchley 1 Northwood 1. Guardian Insurance cup: Preliminary round: Yeovil 6 Molesey 1

LEAGUE OF WALES: Bangor City 0 Caernarfon 2; Holywell 2 Welshpool 3. Inter Cable-Tel 2 Ebbw Vale 1. Newtown 2 Aberystwyth 1. Abandoned: Rhyl v Flint Town (1-0).

ULSTER CUP: Semi-final: Coleraine 1 Glentoran 0

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Stoke 1 Sheffield Wednesday 3.

FA CUP: Preliminary round replays: Bridgnorth 2 Washington 1; Burscough 2 Cheadle 0; Castleton Gabriels 2 Rossendale 4. Leigh RMI 3 Belper Town 1; Maine Road 1 Prudhoe 2; Long Buckby 1 Halesowen Harriers 1. Moor Green 3 Sutton Coldfield Town 2; Maldon 2 Fakenham 0; Diss 1 Tilbury 0: Great Wakering 0 Wroxham 1; Newmarket A Saffron Walden A. Collier Row and Romford 1 Leyton Pennant 0. Clacton 3 Ruislip Manor 2; Barking 1 Concord 0; Kingsbury 0 Erith and Belvedere 1. Oakwood 1 Southwick 2; Redhill 2 Hailsham 1; Chatham 2 Whyteleafe 0; Chipstead 2 Corinthian Casuals 4; Andover 0 Wimborne 1

FA YOUTH CUP: Extra preliminary round: Harefield 2 Northwood 1. Bracknell 8 Horsham YMCA 0. Langney Sports 1 Basingstoke 0. Extra preliminary round replay: Hampton 7 Marlow 0

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Dunston Federation 2 Murton 1; Easington 1 RTM Newcastle 0; Morpeth 3 Seaham Red Star 1; South Shields 0 Crook 6. West Auckland 3 Chester-le-Street 0; Durham 0 Whitby 0.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: March 1 Stowmarket 4; Warboys 0 Soham 3 Brockenhurst 1: Thatcham 2 Aerostructures 0

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Atherton Collieries 0 Prescot 0, Bootle 0 Blackpool Rovers 0, Chadderton 2 Kidsgrove 3· Nantwich 1 Trafford 4

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Faversham 1 Lordswood 3, Hythe 2 Tunbridge Wells 1. Ramsgate 5 Canterbury 1. Slade Green 1 Crockenhill 2.

DUTCH LEAGUE: Fortuna Sittard 0 Feyenoord 2, SC Heerenveen 0 NAC Breda 1, Utrecht 0 Groningen 0

FRENCH LEAGUE: Bordeaux 3 Bastia 1: Caen 0 Metz 0; Guingamp 0 Cannes 1. Lille 3 Nice 2; Marseilles 3 Rennes 1; AS Monaco 5 Lens 1; Montpellier 0 Paris Saint-Germain 3, Nancy 0 Le Havre 1. Strasbourg 2 Auxerre 1.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Parana 0 Corinthians 1; Guarani 3 Fluminense 1; Coritiba 1 Santos 3, Vasco da Gama 1 Gremio 1; Flamengo 1 Atlético-PR 0. Cruzeiro 2 Juventude 1; Vitória 2 Atletico-MG 1. Internacional 1 Bahia 1; Sport 1 Criciuma 1; São Paulo 1 Goias 0; Portuguesa 2 Bragantino 0. Botafogo 0 Palmeiras 0

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Boca Juniors 2 Colon 3; Banfield 1 Huracan-Corrientes 1, Deportivo Español 0 Lanus 1, Huracan 1 San Lorenzo 1; Gimnasia-La Plata 1 Ferro Carril Oeste 0

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EQUESTRIANISM

Blunt Todd states dual objective

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

MARK TODD, of New Zealand, the winner of Badminton in May on Bertie Blunt, has a chance to complete a rare double when he competes with the same horse at the Burghley Horse Trials, sponsored by Pedigree Chum, which begin today in the grounds of Burghley House, near Stamford, Lincolnshire.

The dual Olympic champion, who also rides the less experienced Kingarrie, heads a formidable 85-strong entry. The field includes the winner last year, Andrew Nicholson, of New Zealand, on Buckley Province, and the United States Olympic team silver medal-winner, Bruce Davidson, with his 1995 Badminton winner, Eagle Lion.

Todd: setbacks

Karen Dixon with her 1994 world bronze medal-winner, Get Smart, and Mary King, who rides Star Appeal, head the home entry.

Only two riders — Lucinda Green and Ginny Elliot, both of Great Britain — have succeeded in winning both Badminton and Burghley in the same year. Todd's resolve to become the third has been sharpened by recent setbacks. He was unable to attempt to win a third Olympic gold medal, in Atlanta, when Kayem, his intended ride, pulled a back muscle two days before the start of the event.

Bertie Blunt — who might have given Todd a fourth Burghley win in 1994 had the rider not missed out a flag on the speed and endurance phase — was ineligible for the Olympic Games because he was not in New Zealand ownership on January 1. The 12-year-old gelding by Sunnyboy, owned by Robert and Melita Howell, was removed from Todd's yard last year after a disagreement with his sponsor but was returned this March. "It's been a frustrating time," Todd said.

Dixon poses one of the main threats to him this week. She has the most experienced horse in the field in the 16-year-old Get Smart, a veteran of two Olympics and a member of Britain's gold medal-winning team at the 1994 world championships.

Despite his consistent record Get Smart has never won a leading three-day event. He arrives at Burghley, his fifteenth three-day event, in buoyant form after finishing fourth at the Scottish championships last month. Having first competed at the event as a seven-year-old in 1987 — when he finished twelfth — a win on the same ground this weekend would provide the sweetest of swansongs.

Other leading contenders for the £15,000 first prize include the former Olympic champion, Matt Ryan, of Australia, with Hinnegar, the Briton, William Fox-Pitt, the winner in 1994, with Loch Alan, Ian Stark with Forest Glen and Kristina Gifford, who is riding General Jock, a world team gold medal-winner in 1994.

Since Mark Phillips started designing the course at Burghley he has continuously upgraded it in keeping with the four-star status of the event. Where once Burghley was the "easier" option to Badminton, it is now the autumn equivalent. This year is no exception. Phillips's uncompromising 33-fence course for the cross country on Saturday — for which the going is excellent — will swiftly disabuse any who thought this might be a more lenient Burghley after the Olympic Games.

Tyson hammers the heavy bag in training for his world title bout with Seldon. Photograph: Tom Casino

Thinking-man's Tyson offers illusion of peaceful intent

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT, IN LAS VEGAS

IF BRUCE SELDON could have been present at a Mike Tyson "at home" on Tuesday, he might have felt somewhat less fearful of the fate that awaits him when the two meet at the MGM Grand Garden here on Saturday. Indeed, Seldon might have imagined that the chances of him lasting more than a couple of rounds had greatly improved. For Tyson was a million miles away from the world of violence that everyone thinks he never leaves.

In the soft sunlight of Don King's magnificent mansion in east Las Vegas, Tyson talked about every subject in the world but the business of beating up Seldon. From one's obligation to children, Marx and Tolstoy — "he was a lascivious man" — crime and punishment, God and salvation. Most of it was, of course, stream-of-consciousness stuff but through it all one could see that he was trying to rationalise the purpose of life after prison.

He laughed and joked and the barriers that he usually puts up between himself and his listeners were down. He was approachable and understanding.

He held up Frank Bruno as a model to emulate. Far from belittling his old opponent for his failures in the ring against him, Tyson said: "We should look at his successes and put that down in our little book. It doesn't matter [if he could not fight], fighting is a small thing in your life. He's got probably 50 or 40 more years, now he has to be a person. He's got to be counted on as a person. He is a good man. I love him."

Tyson said the old pre-prison Tyson was no more. "When I was young I didn't make a big deal about anything. I didn't think I'd be around for long. I didn't think I'd live to be 30 so I didn't care. I was a guy on the street, hanging around with bizarre women. That guy's dead.

"I'm a better fighter now than I was before but I would not have beaten that guy. He was awesome. I was a wild man then, having a different lifestyle hanging out with women. There is no way I can tell you what I used to do the night before a fight. But it made me what I was. I was completely out of control."

He said that he missed his old freedom to move around as he pleased. Being under probation for two more years, he cannot leave Ohio for anything other than business, and that, too, with special permission.

"I have no freedom. Would you say I'm a free man on stipulation?" Perhaps that is why Tyson has acquired a tiger, now 13 months old, and a lion cub, and gives them the freedom of his house. "The tiger, Kenya, runs round the house and up the walls and jumps up behind you and can take a chunk out of you."

He went on: "I don't get angry any more because I want to stay out of the penitentiary. I had the privilege of becoming acquainted with some very interesting people while I was in there. That was the only good thing about my time in jail. It has made me more conscious of the world we live in."

Tyson said that he intended to give up boxing and his worldly possessions in 18 months to three years time and go to Mecca to find out what life holds for him. "I don't need three houses and 30 cars and I don't want to be recognised any more. I will give up this life and my possessions. I want to go to Mecca and find out what I'm going to do for the rest of my life. I love fighting but now I can't wait to give it up."

As he saw us out after the interview, shaking each one by the hand, he said: "Life is an illusion. Everything is an illusion."

One could not help wondering, though, what Seldon might say about that when he gets his first clout across the ears on Saturday.

McMillan takes aim

COLIN McMILLAN, buoyed by his impressive victory over Trust Ndlovu, of Zimbabwe, in their Commonwealth featherweight title final eliminator at York Hall, Bethnal Green, on Tuesday, has put a contest with Naseem Hamed, the World Boxing Organisation champion, at the top of his agenda.

However, McMillan, who exuded confidence in stopping Ndlovu after one minute 40 seconds of round seven, would be prepared to go in any direction for one of the world titles on offer.

Frank Maloney, his promoter, said: "There are a lot of options for Colin now, and obviously the one we would like is Naseem; I think it will be an easier fight than Wayne McCullough, of Ireland. I believe I could sit down with Hamed's promoter, Frank Warren, and talk a deal. If not, we will just keep Colin busy and see what happens."

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 38

QUADRIVIUM

(a) The collective name given by the Schoolmen of the Middle Ages to the four "liberal arts", viz., arithmetic, music, geometry and astronomy. The quadrivium was the fourfold way to knowledge; the trivium the threefold way to eloquence: both together comprehended the seven liberal arts enumerated in the following hexameter: *Lingua, Tropus, Ratio, Numerus, Tonus, Angulus, Astra*. Aristophanes has a room full of students with their noses to the ground and their bottoms in the air. "These are our prize pupils. They are studying Botany with their noses and Astronomy with their bums."

GYP

(a) A Gyp looked (looks) after undergraduates at Cambridge (and Durham), as Scouts did at Oxford. He ran errands, waited at table, woke men for morning chapel, brushed their clothes, etc. Origin obscure. The word is probably from *gippo*, a 17th-century term for a scullion. Possibly from the French *jupeau*, a short jacket. Improbably from the American slang *gyp* to cheat.

ETON CROP

(a) A short boyish hairstyle, fairly popular among English women in the 1920s, named after the shorter hair cuts enforced at the school in those days. Can it have anything much to do with Agar's Plough?

SCHOLIAST

(a) A pedantic writer of marginal notes and glosses. *Mock not* such pedants. Much of our knowledge of great literature was preserved by them. "The commentators don't agree with me." "All right, try Jersey Royals, then."

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RADIO CHOICE

Standing up to be counted

The Whistle-Blowers. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*

If a distant bell tinkles in your head as you listen to Greg Cullen's play, as I hope you will, I think I know why. There are elements in it of Ibsen's *An Enemy of the People*. In both plays, the central issue is pollution and what happens when an individual finds the courage to take on powerful vested interests. Cullen juggles with two separate contaminations — the oil disaster caused by the tanker *Sea Empress* going aground off Milford Haven last February, and an asthmatic schoolgirl's death, possibly from traffic pollution of the atmosphere. Ibsen gave ecological tragedy a human face. So does Cullen. Ibsen said the strongest people in the world are those who stand alone. So, implicitly, does Cullen.

An American Slave. *Radio 3, 10.45pm.*

Strict chronology is not the strong point of this documentary about a runaway American slave who helped focus a nation's humanitarian instincts on deeds so cruel they defied belief. But although this account of Frederick Douglass's life could have been better organised, it needed to be told if only because it reminds us that nobody is born to chains. It also reminds us that a single act of defiance — in Douglass's case, his physical attack on a slave-master — can have undreamt-of repercussions. "Why was I born a man out of whom to make a brute?" asked the slave who became a triumphant abolitionist and member of the Government.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo **6.30am** Dave Pearce **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Collins and Maconie's Hit Parade **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Claire Sturgess **4.00am** Clive Warren

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Alex Lester **5.05** Paul Heiney **7.00** The News Huddlines **7.30** David Allan **9.00** Paul Jones **10.00** Daniel O'Donnell's Musical Clan (4/6) **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** David Allan

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **8.35** The Magazine, with Diana Madill, incl **10.35** News from Europe **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl **12.35pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, incl **3.45** Entertainment News **4.00** Nationwide, incl at **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** Sports Bulletin **7.35** David Gower's Cricket Weekly. David and his guests look ahead to Saturday's NatWest Trophy final at Lord's between Lancashire and Essex **9.05** SportsAmerica, with Alton Byrd **9.35** America Graffiti **10.05** News Talk, with Jeremy Vine **11.00** Night Extra, with Valerie Sanderson **12.05am** After Hours — Early Call **2.05** Up All Night, with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **5.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Sport **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST.** News on the hour. **5.30am** Europe Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.05** The World Today **7.30** Sports International **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** Network UK **9.15** Composer of the Month **9.45** Health Matters **10.05** Business **10.15** Sports International **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **12.30pm** Meridian **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Islam, Faith and Power **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack: X Press **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German Europe Today **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.10** World Today **6.25** Take Five **6.30** News in German **6.45** Sport **7.30** Islam, Faith and Power **9.01** Outlook **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** John Peel **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Meridian **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.10am** Take Five **12.15** Soundbyte **12.30** Rock Salad **1.30** Good Books **1.45** Britain Today **2.30** Outlook **2.55** Words of Faith **3.30** Thirty-Minute Drama **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto Derek Bourgeois (Trombone Concerto) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Newsnight **6.30** Sonata. Debussy (Cello Sonata) **7.00** Travel Guide. Manchester **8.00** Evening Concert. Boccherini (Guitar Quintet No 3 in B flat); Rodrigo (Fantasia para un Gentilhombre), Mozart (Piano Concerto No 9 in E flat; Symphony No 25 in G minor) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Sally Peterson

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyle (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Jeremy Clark

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Includes Bach (*Trio Sonata in E minor*, BWV528); Delius (Appalachia); Baguer (Symphony No 16 in G); Wiren (Serenade for Strings); Haydn (Overture Acis and Galatea); Saint-Saëns (Piano Trio in F, Op 18)
9.00 Morning Collection, with Catriona Young. Includes Delibes (Incidental music: Le Roi S'Amuse); Mozart (Piano Sonata in A, K331); Haydn (Symphony No 38 in C)
10.00 Musical Encounters. Presented by Chris de Souza. Includes Beethoven (Six Variations, Op 34); Bloch (Violin Concerto); Liszt (Petrarch Sonnet No 123, Années de Pèlerinage); Beethoven (Wo Sich die Pulse Jugendlich); Weber (Piano Sonata in A flat, Op 39); Ruggles (Sun Treader)
12.00 Composer of the Week: Falla, Gerhard and the Heritage of Spain
1.00pm Wandering Minstrels. Geoffrey Smith concludes his examination of the successful collaboration between the composer Sullivan and the librettist Gilbert. This week he traces the influences of Wagner, Verdi, English folk songs and Italian patter songs on numbers in *The Pirates of Penzance, Iolanthe, The Gondoliers, The Yeomen of the Guard, Ruddigore* and *The Mikado* (3/3)
2.00 Celebrity Recital. David Golub, piano, Mark Caplan, violin, and Colin Carr, cello. Haydn (Piano Trio in c, H XV 27); Schubert (Piano Trio in B flat, D898) (r)
3.30 20th-Century Strings. British music for strings played by Opus 20, under Scott Stroman, with John Harle, saxophone. Includes Colin Mathews (Divertimento for double string quartet, Op 21a); Richard Rodney Bennett (Concerto for alto saxophone and strings)
5.00 Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson
5.15 In Tune. Presented by Humphrey Carpenter. Includes Glinka (Valse-Fantaisie in B minor); Saint-Saëns (Caprice on Airs de Ballet from Gluck's Alceste); Schumann (Violin Concerto in D minor)
7.30 BBC Proms 1996. Live from the Albert Hall, London. BBC Symphony Orchestra, under Stanislaw Skrowaczewski Haydn (Symphony No 76 in E flat) **7.55** Bruckner Remembered. Presented by Stephen Johnson **8.15** Proms Part 2. Bruckner (Symphony No 6 in A)
9.30 The Fortunate Cat: What the Left Hand's Doing. With Roy Fisher and Mel Hill (4/5) (r)
9.40 Clerambault (Suite du Deuxieme Ton). Performed by Marie-Claire Alain, organ
10.00 Music Restored. Tomaso Albinoni (Concerto in G for two oboes, Op 9 No 6; Trio Sonata in C, Op 6 No 1; Cantata: Poiche al Vago Seren)
10.45 An American Slave. See Choice (r)
11.30 Composer of the Week: Brahms (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes, with Digby Fairweather
1.00 Through the Night

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) **6.00** News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Family Life — Birth, Death and the Whole Damn Thing (4/5) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 The Moral Maze
10.00 News; Boomerang (FM). Keith Barron and Brigit Forsyth star in Chris Thompson's family drama (2/4)
10.00 Daily Service (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 News; You And Yours, with Dylan Winter
12.25pm Slightly Foxed 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World At One With Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55 Shipping Forecast**
2.00 News; The Deep Season: The Whistle-Blowers See Choice
3.00 The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Allen sees the new Stephen Poliakoff play *Blinded by the Sun* and reviews a new biography of Laurence Olivier
4.45 Short Story: Still Waters, by Robert Harbinson. Read by Roma Tomelty
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Doon Your Way. Join DJ Chantal and a host of local characters as Flush FM broadcasts from a Portaloo in Peckham High Street. With Doon Mackichan, Pam Ferris and Lesley Sharp
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Diverting Dominions. Malcolm Fraser, the former Australian PM, discusses the *problems facing his country* with the writer Thomas Keneally and Rupert Murdoch, the chairman and chief executive of The News Corporation, parent company of *The Times* (1/3) (r)
8.00 20/20: A View of the Century. John Tusa looks at contraception in the light of a world population of 5.8 billion and rising (5/5) (r)
8.45 Twilight. In the last of the series Joanna Pinnock visits the island of Skomer where, as dusk falls, tens of thousands of seabirds plummet from the sky in search of their homes
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? With Frederick Dove
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Enigma, by Robert Harris (9/12)
11.00 Aunt Julia and the Scriptwriter Mario Vargas Llosa's comic novel dramatised by Lee Hall. With Tom Hollander, Siobhan Redmond, John Sessions and Alex Lowe (2/6)
11.30 Offspring, with John Peel (r)
12.00 News incl **12.27am** approx Weather
12.30 Late Story: Some Kind of Black. Akim Mogaji reads Diran Adebayo's novel (4/10) (r)
12.48 Shipping Forecast **1.00 As World Service**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

Guards at the Garamba National Park, Zaire, are delighted to announce the birth of a new baby rhino 'Mbolifue' - meaning "Gift from Heaven".

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Before Mbolifue's arrival, there were just 29 northern white rhinos alive in Garamba; the last surviving population in the wild. You can imagine the excitement when the tiny baby calf was spotted from the air, moving slowly through the grass behind her mother. In March this year, a pregnant female was shot and brutally butchered by poachers. The birth of Mbolifue goes some way towards compensating for that tragedy but, as a tiny calf this, "Gift from Heaven" is extremely vulnerable.

That's why we'd like you to help protect Mbolifue by joining our adoption scheme for just £2 a month. In return, you'll receive a photograph of Mbolifue (when we get one!) and regular update bulletins, following your calf's progress. Please help us if you can.

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Victoria train is fast-track and first class

REVIEW

Peter Barnard

I hate Victoria Wood. Dear me, you are thinking, that seems a bit extreme. And you are thinking that because you are paid to predict the three-month price of cocoa or drive a desk around Whitehall, whereas I am paid to be mildly amusing about entertainment stars being sent on journeys at the expense of the BBC. So I hate Victoria Wood because within two minutes of starting **Great Railway Journeys: Crewe to Crewe** (BBC2) Wood had taken every known element required for a sideswipe at said documentaries and hardened them into a single gem.

"Now one of my biggest worries has come true," she announced from a station platform. "Under the new-style BBC, if you're a comedian, once you hit 40 you have to stop telling jokes and just be in documentaries. They said it was either this or going up Everest with Margaret Drabble and two blind people."

Great Railway Journeys is a series and promises to become more exotic later on. The BBC wisely filmed the all-British one first. Now that the railways are run by former bus drivers and Japanese investment bankers, Wood was lucky to return to Crewe and find it still open.

Not that the journey, up the West Coast to Thurso and back via the East Coast to Crewe, was the point of the thing. Trains are vehicles and these trains were vehicles for the wit of Wood, who kindly assists the continuity girl by sticking to jeans, T-shirt and rolling eyeballs throughout.

On one platform a man old enough to know better helped Wood to crack trainspotting: "I think I've got it now. A train comes in, you spot it, put its number in your little book, or on your Dictaphone, take a picture of it, or video it, then you carry on doing that until you die, or become a member of the Conservative Party."

At Carnforth we learnt that this was where the exteriors for *Brief Encounter* had been filmed: "That's a real Sunday afternoon film, I don't think I've ever seen it with my shoes on."

Beyond the crafted one-liners, which mark out Wood as a great comic talent, there lay genuine concern, even panic, at the state of the railways, a tremendous enterprise laid waste by political dogma. As Wood said in her parting shot: "I just worry there won't be any trains, that the people who bought them will get fed up and starting looking at adverts for boarding houses. I can't see them sticking at it."

The ultimate irony was left to the viewer to spot, when Wood took part of what once would indeed have been a great train journey ... on a post bus. Just as well it wasn't on strike.

My problem with ghosts is that I do not believe in them and yet I do not believe that the people who claim to have seen them are all over-suggestible or plain liars. Religion presents much the same difficulty. But I do wish television would give up ghost-hunting, as tedious an occupation as trainspotting.

Short Stories: Ghost Hunters (Channel 4) involved great amounts of mood music and cameras shooting against the light in order to produce artificially stark images. The tale, such as it was, concerned Randy Liebeck, a New Jersey cop whose hobby is ghost-hunting.

Liebeck came to England with parabolic microphones and thermal imaging cameras to see if he could find a ghost at Littledean Hall, whose owner, Donald Macer-Wright, was faced with selling up unless he could attract more visitors.

Macer-Wright, his son and various retainers told tales of footsteps and chills but ghosts are notorious for their failure to turn up on the set at the appointed hour. Liebeck, for whom coming to England in search of ghosts was like "a Muslim making his pilgrimage to Mecca", went home and Macer-Wright put Littledean Hall up for sale. Sad, but hardly riveting.

And so to leeches, which are back. **QED: Return of the Blood-suckers** (BBC2) did not say where they had been, but apparently they went out of fashion in medical circles. All that is changing, thanks to a man from South Carolina who became obsessed with leeches as a boy and found that the only outlet for his passion was in Wales.

Roy Sawyer runs a leech farm there. He started it from scratch, so to speak. Now he runs "the only round-the-clock leech service" in the world. He sells them to plastic surgeons and exports 1,000 a week.

Apart from wishing that Victoria Wood had written the narration, I could find no fault. When Mathew Clark, the leading British rally driver, had the top of a thumb torn off by a car's alternator belt, surgeons sewed the thumb back on but could not get the blood circulating. Leeches could. They sucked and they sucked and hey presto, the flow of blood eventually got Clark's veins doing the job properly again.

Another man's ear was repaired by a leech, once doctors had persuaded the damned thing to stop sucking blood from his throat: it was probably an ear, nose and throat leech. Anyway, Sawyer has now discovered that leeches contain a fantastic cocktail of chemicals, some of which may well be useful in fighting heart disease.

Sawyer believes that "secretions from blood-sucking animals are to cardio-vascular diseases what penicillin was to infectious diseases". Fascinating, though what with ghosts, trains and blood-suckers, I feel as if I have lived through the night of the living dead. But it was worth it to hear a man in Sawyer's lab say: "Leeches grown on you." He did, I swear.

● *Matthew Bond will appear tomorrow*

6.00am Business Breakfast (70679) **7.00 BBC Breakfast News** (Ceefax) (94650) **9.00 Breakfast News Extra** (Ceefax) (8826037)

9.20 Style Challenge (5055871) **9.45 Kilroy** (1531037) **10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook** (70495)

11.00 News and regional news (Ceefax) (4820969)

11.05 Golden Fiddles (2/2) (r) (Ceefax) (55938308) **12.50pm Mary Berry's Ultimate Cakes** (19380143)

1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (56227)

1.30 Regional News (45573747)

1.40 Neighbours. Lou sets Marlene up for a fall and Sam faces a dilemma. Can Stonefish woo Catherine? (Ceefax) (s) (32841766)

2.00 Call My Bluff (6416259) **2.35 Turnabout** (1045037)

3.00 The Terrace (1747) **3.30 Little Bear** (8906679)

3.55 Little Mouse on the Prairie (8315018) **4.15 Potsworth and Co** (7841327) **4.35 Clarissa Explains It All** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (4059414) **5.00 Newsround** (Ceefax) (7132230) **5.10 Byker Grove** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (2852389)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (900143)

6.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (501)

6.30 Regional news magazines (853)

7.00 NEW **Watchdog.** The return of the consumer magazine show with Anne Robinson. In this programme the results of investigations into mortgage errors are revealed (6056)

7.30 EastEnders. Nigel offers to help Lorraine, and Pauline has some good news for the community. Robbie finds some buried treasure and there is a shock in store for Ian (Ceefax) (s) (227)

8.00 Back to the Wild. Patrick Robinson *concludes his visits to the RSPCA's* animal hospital in Somerset. Peter the vet struggles to save the life of a cygnet that has stopped breathing while on his operating table and faces a life-or-death decision about a bat with a broken wing and two babies (Ceefax) (s) (2476)

8.30 CHOICE **The Hello Girls: First Day.** A comedy-drama series written by Ruth Carter and starring Letitia Dean in her first major role since leaving *EastEnders* (Ceefax) (s) (4211)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News, regional news and weather (5921)

9.30 Yes, Prime Minister: A Victory for Democracy. Classic sit-com. After a series of difficult encounters, Jim Hacker starts to wonder whether the Government runs the Foreign Office, or vice-versa. With Paul Eddington, Nigel Hawthorne, Derek Fowlds (r) (Ceefax) (19722)

10.00 CHOICE **Defence of the Realm: The Phantom Platoon.** (5/5) The top-secret world of the Ministry of Defence (Ceefax) (s) (527312)

10.55 You Decide (538495)

11.45 FILM: Cappuccino (1989) Australian *comedy with John Clayton and Rowena* Wallace. Directed by Anthony Bowman (493308)

1.05am-1.10 Weather (2761983)

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6.00am Open University: Interrogating the Past (2557037) **6.25 Women in Television** (2569872) **6.50 Given Enough Rope** (6594655)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (8948766)

7.30 Alvin and the Chipmunks (9290056) **7.55 Cartoon Critters** (2442292) **8.20 The Brollys** (6343259) **8.35 Lassie** (2811766) **9.00 Blitz on Cartooning** (72853) **9.30 Brainwaves** (6586389) **9.35 Today's Gourmet** (5599394) **10.00 Playdays** (3014476) **10.25 On the Road Again** (3017563) **10.55 A Question of Sport's Golden Oldies** (1957037) **11.25 Wisley through the Seasons** (6067308)

12.15pm Young Man and His Dog (2072292) **1.00 The Perfect Pickle Programme** (56209) **1.30 Working Lunch** (29259) **2.00 The Brollys** (50308563)

2.15 FILM: The Queen of Mean (1990). The true story of Leona Helmsley. Directed by Richard Michaels (924037)

3.55 News (Ceefax) (4059766) **4.00 Today's the Day** (766) **4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook** (650) **5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show** (9705766)

5.40 NEW **Prue Leith's Tricks of the Trade: Puddings** (1/10) (782834)

5.50 Breast of Friends (1/5) (619940)

6.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine: Blood Oath. (342582)

6.45 Kicking and Screaming: The Golden Age. The 1930 and 1940s are remembered as a golden era of football prowess (r) (480501)

Writer Jancis Robinson (7.30pm)

7.30 NEW **The Food Chain: Food Glorious Food.** Wine writer Jancis Robinson investigates what we eat (1/3) (679)

8.00 War Walks: Mons. Military historian Richard Holmes looks at some of history's major battles (r) (Ceefax) (5178)

8.30 NEW **Top Gear.** Motoring magazine with Jeremy Clarkson (Ceefax) (s) (2853)

9.00 The Travel Show (Ceefax) (3563)

9.30 Dark Secret: Sex Unknown. (5/6) Joanna and her husband recount the agonising months that followed the birth of their inter-sex baby (19704)

10.00 Hancock: The Two Murderers (b/w) (r) (Ceefax) (60018)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (329312)

11.15 The Late Review (666037)

12.00 The Limit (r) (s) (54506)

12.30am Open University: Outsiders in — Moslems in Europe (81322) **1.30 Childbirth and Contraception: Choices and Chances** (11964) **2.00 Summer Nights: Remembering Essentials** (70273) **4.00 Business and Work** (39457) **4.30 My Brilliant Career** (85051) **5.00 Winning** (60254) **5.30 My Brilliant Career** (55235)

CHOICE

The Hello Girls
BBC1, 8.30pm

A telephone switchboard in Derby is the site for Ruth Carter's amiable comedy-drama which gains much of its impact from the attention to period. We are in 1959, a fact underlined not just by the hairstyles, the frocks and a relentless pilfering of contemporary pop songs, but an accurate depiction of old-fashioned workplace discipline. Suffice to say that young women today would not tolerate for a minute the stuffily traditional management style of the two middle-aged spinsters, nicely played by Maggie McCarthy and Stephanie Turner. Letitia Dean, long of *EastEnders*, is the most familiar face among the switchboard girls, but the lesser-known Amy Marston often steals the screen as the 16-year-old new recruit, whose plain and timid exterior conceals a Marxist subversive.

Murder Squad:
The Murder of the Unknown Man
ITV, 9.00pm

A man's body is found in a burnt-out van in a field in Essex. Enter a hastily recruited team of detectives from the Metropolitan Police. Enter, too, a seasoned television producer, Robert Fleming, and a camera crew to follow the murder squad investigation through to its conclusion. The mystery turns out to be somewhat less than baffling as the dead man is soon identified and a suspect established. But by cutting out the dull bits and stressing the highlights the film probably makes the police operation look easier than it was. The approach is still better than unconvincing dramatised reconstructions. It would take a very inventive script writer to begin to think of some of the lines spoken by these real detectives. "Everyone in this inquiry", muses one puzzled copper, "seems to have 12 kids and 14 grandchildren."

The Celluloid Closet
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The cinema's, and particularly Hollywood's, treatment of lesbianism and male homosexuality is intelligently surveyed in a two-part documentary. The surprise, perhaps, is to find the subject cropping up so early, though with heavy censorship, references had to be indirect. In this, as in other things, films were reflecting real life. But once the code is cracked the messages become clear and the programme is rich in examples. Gore Vidal relates writing a quasi-homosexual scene for Stephen Boyd and Charlton Heston into *Ben-Hur* and even a scene in Hitchcock's *Rebecca* can plausibly be read as indicating that Mrs Danvers had more than a purely professional feeling for the dead heroine. But it took a British film, *Victim*, and a courageous performance by Dirk Bogarde, to tackle homosexuality head on.

Defence of the Realm: The Phantom Platoon
BBC1, 10.00pm

Those expecting a critical appraisal of British military policy may have been disappointed by this relatively anodyne peep into the Ministry of Defence. Tonight we learn that *Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary*, has a special adviser to feed him party political information. That she is paid for by the MOD, and not Conservative Central Office, may seem curious. But the film is mainly about the Pathfinders, a crack squad of paratroopers set up as part of a new rapid response force. Since no money has been allocated for the platoon, officially it does not exist. But this strange status does not prevent the men from taking part in a mock invasion of the America. They are a rough bunch, and not notable for the delicacy of their language.

Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (9359259)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (4405132) **9.55 Regional News** (3024853) **10.00 Time ... the Place** (2995501) **10.35 This Morning** (64727037)

12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (7407292)

12.30 ITN News (Teletext) (2511327)

12.55 Shortland Street (2596018) **1.25 Coronation Street** (Teletext) (s) (5302394) **2.00 Home and Away** (Teletext) (s) (97102414) **2.25 Quisine** (Teletext) (s) (97181921) **2.50 Vanessa** (7228698)

3.20 ITN News (Teletext) (7224698) **3.25 Regional News** (Teletext) (7223969)

3.30 The Riddlers (r) (6494501) **3.40 Wizadora** (r) (s) (4639037) **3.50 Molly's Gang** (r) (s) (6472389) **4.05 Scooby Doo** (2205124) **4.10 Woof!** (r) (Teletext) (s) (4042476) **4.40 Goggle Watch** (Teletext) (8812230)

5.10 A Country Practice (s) (7893984)

5.40 ITN News (Teletext) (793940)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s) (969)

6.30 Regional News (Teletext) (921)

7.00 Emmerdale. Kathy reaches the end of the line with Sean (Teletext) (1124)

7.30 The Big Story: Murder at Meadow Farm. New evidence in the case of the murder of pensioners Harry and Megan Tooze in South Wales (s) (105)

8.00 The Bill: Second Chances. Deakin gets his chance to solve a murder but his witness is an illegal immigrant on the verge of being deported (Teletext) (5312)

8.30 The Freddie Starr Show. Freddie, as a British officer, finds ingenious ways to escape a German POW camp (Teletext) (s) (6679)

DS Fitzgerald investigates (9pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Murder Squad: The Murder of the Unknown Man.** Documentary series shadowing a Scotland Yard murder squad in its investigations (Teletext) (8360)

10.00 ITN News at Ten and weather (Teletext) (80872) **10.30 Regional News** (Teletext) (266476)

10.40 FILM: Disorganised Crime (1989). Thriller. Four crooks are brought together at a mysterious rendezvous, but the criminal master mind who arranged it has been arrested. Couped together, unaware of the ingenious heist that had been prepared for them or their host's fate, they discover what they have in common — a love of money and a mutual loathing of each other. With Corbin Bernsen, Hoyt Axton and Ruben Blades. Directed by Jim Kouf (44126124)

12.35 Not Fade Away (1054780) **1.35 Customs Classified** (9450877) **2.30 Flux** (97728) **3.30 Late & Loud** (92273) **4.30 The Time ... the Place** (89877) **5.00 Grass Roots** (57780)

5.30 ITN Morning News (42761)

WALES

As HTV WEST except:
6.25pm-7.00 Wales Tonight (131563)
7.30-8.00 Fishlock's Wild Tracks (105)
10.40 The Sherman Plays: Mental (830263)
11.10 A Sporting Double (623747)
11.40 The Big Story (229105)
12.10am Hitchcock Presents (1409490)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.25pm Illuminations (7415211)
12.55 Emmerdale (2596018)
1.25-1.55 Quisine (68446921)
1.55 Home and Away (43545489)
2.25 Vanessa (97105501)
2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (1050969)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7893984)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (92105)
10.30 Westcountry News (280056)
10.45 Emergency! (127747)
11.15 Millionaires (117360)
11.45 Prisoner Cell Block H (830785)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
12.55pm Home and Away (2596018)
1.25 Quisine (68446921)
1.55 A Country Practice (32855969)
2.20 Vanessa (97106230)
2.50-3.20 High Road (7228698)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7893984)
6.25 Central News and Weather (981679)
6.55-7.00 Life Line (744495)
10.40 Crime Stalker (274785)
11.40 London Bridge (229105)
12.10am Revelations (6069099)
12.45 Planet Rock Profiles (61490)
1.15 Funny Business (8781186)
1.40 Not Fade Away (8000728)
2.40 Flux (7551269)
3.35 The Crime Hour (5138693)
4.30 Jobfinder (3748070)
5.20 Asian Eye (9157148)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
12.55pm Quisine (2596018) **1.25 Home and Away** (68446921) **1.55 Shortland Street** (32855969) **2.20 Vanessa** (97106230) **2.50-3.20 Doing It Up** (7228698) **5.10 Home and Away** (7893984) **5.37-5.40 Three Minutes** (601921) **6.00 Meridian Tonight** (969) **6.30-7.00 Grass Roots** (921) **10.40 FILM: Tales from the Darkside: The Movie** (56777259) **12.25am Phenomena** (3523099)

S4C

Starts: 6.30am Star Street (5249768) **7.00 Big Breakfast** (87360) **9.00 California Dreams** (9455637) **9.25 White Fang** (6205114) **9.55 Back to the Future** (2846834) **10.20 Bill and Ted** (3808476) **10.45 Biker Mice** (1962969) **11.10 Dog City** (4317899) **11.35 Dennis** (3572969) **11.50 Rocko** (8769259) **12.05pm Tintin** (2628330) **12.30 Bush Tucker Man** (15056) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (97747) **1.30 Vets in the Wild** (90940) **2.30 Racing from York** (69495) **4.30 The Middle Ages** (178) **5.00 5 Pump** (2230) **5.30 Countdown** (698) **6.00 Newyddion 6** (355230) **6.15 Heno** (880327) **7.00 Pobol y Cwm** (284698) **7.25 Cwist** (442501) **8.00 Y Ras Bysgota** (8414) **8.30 Newyddion** (7921) **9.00 The Politician's Wife** (1797582) **10.15 London's Burning** (552124) **12.15am Short Stories: Firing Line** (60761) **12.45 War Cries: Grandad Is a Football Hooligan** (69032)

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Star Street (5249768)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (87360)

9.00 California Dreams (r) (9455637) **9.25 Legend of White Fang** (r) (6205114) **9.55 Back to the Future** (2846834) **10.20 Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventures** (r) (3808476) **10.45 Biker Mice from Mars** (1962969) **11.10 Dog City** (4317899) **11.35 Dennis** (3572969) **11.50 Rocko's Modern Life** (8769259) **12.05pm The Adventures of Tintin** (2628330)

12.30 Bush Tucker Man (15056)

1.00 Sesame Street (r) (69281) **2.00 Australia Wild** (8650)

2.30 Channel 4 Racing from York. Introduced by Jim McGrath (69495)

4.30 Countdown (178) **5.00 Ricki Lake** (2280211) **5.45 Machinations:** Driving Forces. Andy Plant demonstrates the forces which make machines function through his travelling clock. In the shape of an outsize aluminium angel, crouching on the back of a truck, the clock is driven from place to place and, powered by hydraulics, performs on the hour (790853)

6.00 Eerie Indiana 997230) **6.25 Boy Meets World** (Teletext) (s) (972921) **6.55 Fresh Pop** (742037)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (533292)

7.50 The Slot (584360)

8.00 Inside Out: After the Cure. A look at the way lives are changed by miracle cures and if happiness and fulfillment necessarily follow (8414)

8.30 Porkpie: A Night to Remember. Porkpie's childhood sweetheart, Susu, has moved in and wedding plans abound. With Ram John Holder and Mona Hammond (7921)

9.00 CHOICE **The Celluloid Closet** (1/2) (Teletext) (s) (9230)

Hann-Byrd and Foster (10pm)

10.00 FILM: Little Man Tate (1991) with Jodie Foster and Adam Hann-Byrd. Jodie Foster's directorial debut, in which she stars as a working-class mother fighting for a place in the life of her seven-year-old child prodigy son when a former child-genius turned child psychiatrist tries to take over (659698)

11.55 FILM: Caged (1950) *with Eleanor Parker* and Hope Emerson. Powerful, women's prison drama, centring on the destruction of a naive 19-year-old, both by the brutal inmates and the sadistic guards. Directed by John Cromwell (294105)

1.40am Heartworn Highways. An award-winning film that goes to the heart of rural country music and meets some of the people who put much of the emotional strength into the music. Includes footage of Charlie Daniels in concert and appearances by David Allan Coe, Townes Van Zandt and Larry Jon Wilson (241693) Ends at **3.15**

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SKY ONE

7.00am Undun (47766) **9.00** Press Your Luck (47766) **9.20** Love Connection (47766) **9.45** Oprah Winfrey (47766) **10.40** Jeopardy! (47766) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (47766) **12.00** Geraldo (54969) **1.00pm** Animal Practice (40853) **1.30** Designing Women (34105) **2.00** Jenny Jones (24196) **3.00** Court TV (7563) **3.30** Oprah Winfrey (7563) **4.15** Undun (7563) **5.00** Quantum Leap (1143) **6.00** Beverly Hills 90210 (43853) **7.00** LAPD (2872) **7.30** M*A*S*H (5698) **8.00** Through the Keyhole (8292) **8.30** Southenders (7327) **9.00** The Commish (80308) **10.00** Quantum Leap (63495) **11.00** Highlander (50230) **12.00** Midnight Caller (99780) **1.00am** LAPD (74070) **1.30** Anything But Love

SKY 2

7.00pm The Simpsons (53051) **7.30** Sea Rescue (53051) **8.00** Police Rescue (53051) **9.00** A Season in Purgatory (53051) **11.00** Late Show, with David Letterman (53051) **12.00** Hit Mix Long Play (53051)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (54143) **8.30** Business (54143) **8.45** Sunrise Continues (54143) **9.30** Beyond 2000 (35704) **10.30** ABC Nightline (78853) **11.30** CBS News (856056) **2.30pm** CBS News (855056) **3.10** Court TV — War Crimes (855056) **6.30** Tonight, with Adam Boulton (79211) **7.30** Sportsline (67650) **8.30** Reuters Reports (567150) **11.30** CBS News (44430) **12.30am** ABC News (34438) **1.30** Tonight, with Adam Boulton Replay (34438) **2.10** Court TV — War Crimes (34438) **3.30** Beyond 2000 (73273)

SKY MOVIES

6.10am Dream Chasers (1985) (53051) **8.00 Challenge to Be Free (1972)** (25056) **10.00 Another Stakeout (1993)** (39650) **12.00 The Stone Boy (1984)** (15679) **2.00pm Pocahontas: The Legend (1995)** (74747) **4.00 The Adventures of the**

Curse of Michael Myers (1995) (38106) **11.30 Tom and Viv (1993)** (38105) **1.35am H.E.A.L.T.H. (1979)** (515780) **3.15-6.00 White Mile (1994)** (515780)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 The Killers (1946) (29921) **2.00pm Fixed Bayonets (1951)** (56389) **4.00 The Mountain (1956)** (5389) **6.00 Portrait of a Mobster (1961)** (69853) **8.00 Posse (1975)** (71698) **10.00 Peggy Sue Got Married (1986)** (453476) **11.55 Best Seller (1987)** (398495) **1.35am City Lights (1931)** (398495) **3.05 The Killers (1946)** (311032) **4.45-6.00 Sunnyside (1919)** (658506)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Sun Valley Serenade (1941) (48768) **7.30 Peter-no-tail (1983)** (28259) **9.00 Lionheart (1969)** (65259) **10.00 Sons and Lovers (1960)** (37292) **12.00 Where the Red Fern Grows (1974)** (74691) **2.00pm Tekwar: Teklords (1994)** (72389) **4.00 Lionheart (1969)** (65501) **5.00 Hans and the Silver Skates (1994)** (4853) **6.00 The Philadelphia Experiment (1984)** (85853) **8.00 Andre (1994)** (18853) **9.30 The Movie Show** (48308) **10.00 Striking Distance (1993)** (555308) **11.45 The Red Shoe Diaries No 6: How I Met My Husband (1993)** (623835) **1.10am Shadow of the Past (1995)** (368341) **2.45 National Lampoon's Movie Madness (1982)** (806490) **4.20-6.00 Sons and Lovers (1960)** (231032)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.00am Bonkers (16896) **6.25** Mouse Tracks (16896) **6.50** Darkwing Duck (16896) **7.15** Quack Attack (16896) **7.40** Aladdin (16896) **8.05** Quack Pack (16896) **8.30** Bonkers (35495) **9.00** Mouse Tracks (26747) **9.30** Lamb Chops Play Along (63766) **10.00** Muppet Babies (49785) **10.30** Wonderland (56259) **11.00** Quack Attack (32211) **11.30** Umbrella Tree (33940) **12.00** Fraggle Rock (39211) **12.30pm** Lamb Chops (67582) **1.00** Quack Pack (56563) **1.30** Aladdin (66853) **2.00** Darkwing Duck (5766) **2.30** Disney (5766) **3.25** Mouse Tracks (5766) **3.50** Darkwing Duck (5766) **4.15** Bonkers (5766) **4.35** Quack Pack (5766) **5.00** Aladdin (6018)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Mountainbike (91501) **8.00** Extreme Games (78834) **9.00** Motors (70105) **10.00** Football (14476) **12.00** Motorcycling (38835) **12.30pm** Eurofun (38056) **1.00** Extreme Games (26211) **2.00** Live Golf (36501) **4.00** Tractor Pulling (87747) **5.00** Football (81650) **7.00** Extreme Games (15018) **8.00** Pro Wrestling (24768) **9.00** Boxing (37230) **10.00** Formula 1 (88394) **10.30** Motorcycling (87834) **11.00** Sailing (88476) **11.30-12.30am** Strength (43230)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Sports Centre (94698) **7.30** Federation — Superstars (51501) **8.30** Racing News (38871) **9.00** Sports Centre (95853) **9.30** Aerobics (32872) **10.00** American Sports Cavalcade (79389) **11.00** Inside the PGA Tour (41817) **11.30** Futbol Mundial (91376) **12.00** Aerobics (82389) **12.30pm** Grass Roots Rugby (42560) **1.00** The Pavilion End (31143) **2.00** US Open Tennis (18105) **4.00** Lacrosse Championships (92679) **4.59** Sports Centre (92679) **5.00** Wrestling — Action Zone (7414) **6.00** Sports Centre (1650) **6.30** Netbusters (5230) **7.00** US Open Tennis — Live (673389) **10.00** Sports Centre (83018) **10.30** Boots 'n' All (54940) **11.30** Tight Lines (25834) **12.30am** US Open Tennis — Live (25834) **4.00-4.30** Sports Centre (90098)

SKY SPORTS 2

8.00pm Tight Lines (12821) **9.00** Spanish Football (12821) **11.00** Sky Sports Gold Bobby Charlton's Football Scrapbook (12821) **12.30-1.00am** Sky Sports Gold Blood, Sweat and Glory (12821)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Velo Cycling Magazine (12821) **12.30pm** Coca-Cola First Round Second Leg (12821) **2.30** Golf Extra: US PGA Seniors — Franklin Quest Championships (12821) **4.00** US Open Tennis — Live (12821) **7.00** Sports Centre (12821) **7.30** Football League Review (12821) **9.00** Ford Scorpio Golf USA Bell Canadian Open — Live (12821) **11.00** Formula Three Racing (12821) **11.30-12.00** Sports Centre (12821)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am Thought for the Day **4.05** Worship

The talent of Freddie Mercury is remembered (VH-1, all day)

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (84761) **7.55** As the World Turns (84761) **8.50** Peyton Place (84761) **9.20** Days of Our Lives (84761) **10.10-11.00** Another World (84761)

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Boomerang (84761) **11.30** Great Sports Vacations (84761) **12.00** UK Today (84761) **12.30pm** The Real Food of China (84761) **1.00** Getaway (84761) **1.30** On Top of the World (84761) **2.00** To the Ends of the Earth (84761) **3.00** Globetrotter (84761) **3.30-4.00** Around the World in 30 Minutes (84761)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Biography (84761) **5.00** Memories of 1987 (84761) **6.00** The World at War (84761) **7.00-8.00** Biography (84761)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Films, features and classic sci-fi series every day from **8pm-4am** Monday-Wednesday and **1am-4am** Thursday-Sunday on

Alfred Hitchcock Presents (84761) **2.30** Rod Serling's Night Gallery (84761) **3.00** Friday the 13th (84761) **3.55-4.00** Quarks (84761)

TLC

9.00am The Joy of Painting (84761) **9.30** The Garden Show (84761) **10.00** Two's Country (84761) **10.30** Home Again, with Bob Vila (84761) **11.00** The Painted House (84761) **11.30** Room Service (84761) **12.00** Julia Child (84761) **12.30pm** The Frugal Gourmet (84761) **1.00** Simply Delicious Meals in Minutes (84761) **1.30** This Old House (84761) **2.00** This Old House (84761) **2.30** Garden Club (84761) **3.00** Rex Hunt's Fishing Adventures (84761) **3.30-4.00** This Old House (84761)

UK GOLD

7.00am Happy Ever After (655419) **7.30** Neighbours (655419) **8.00** Angels (655419) **8.30** EastEnders (655419) **9.00** The Bill (655419) **9.30** The Sullivans (655419) **10.00** Juliet Bravo (655419) **11.00** Bullseye (655419) **11.30** Sale of the Century (655419) **12.00** Tellystack (655419)

Bill (655419) **4.00** One by One (655419) **5.00** Bullseye (655419) **5.30** George and Mildred (655419) **6.00** Tellystack (655419) **6.30** EastEnders (655419) **7.05** The Two Ronnies (655419) **8.00** The Other One (655419) **8.30** Up the Elephant and Round the Castle (655419) **9.00** Miss Marple (655419) **10.10** The Bill (655419) **10.45** Canned Carrott (655419) **11.25** The Sweeney (655419) **12.25am FILM: A Perfect Little Murder** (655419) **2.05** Shopping at Night (655419)

TCC

6.00am Swan's Crossing (3872) **6.20** Meltdown: No Naked Flames (3872) **6.45** Degrassi Junior High (791211) **7.15** Ready or Not (798124) **7.45** California Dreams (797485) **8.15** Sweet Valley High (235230) **8.45** Art Attack (235230) **9.00** Tiny TCC (Until 3.00pm): Tiny and Crew (39308) **11.00** Dinobabies (45785) **11.30** Jim Henson's Animal Show (46414) **12.00** Barney (42785) **12.30pm** Oscar's Orchestra (70056) **1.00** Casper and Friends (69037) **1.30** Tiny and Crew (78105) **3.00** Degrassi Junior High (7747) **3.30** Ready or Not (9834) **4.00** California Dreams (6969) **4.30-5.00** Sweet Valley High (7853)

NICKELODEON

6.00am Turtles (30719) **6.30** Biker Mice from Mars (53853) **7.00** Rocko (85940) **7.30** Rugrats (71747) **8.00** Doug (88312) **8.30** Aaahh!!! Real Monsters (38853) **9.00** Carmen Sandiego (93495) **9.30** Wishbone (30414) **10.00** Bananas in Pyjamas (30414) **10.10** Busy World of Richard Scarry (30414) **10.35** Mr Men (30414) **10.40** Henry's Cat (30414) **10.45** Bananas in Pyjamas (30414) **11.00** BBC Block (80495) **12.00** Clarissa (13259) **12.30pm** Sister Sister (34230) **1.00** Babar (84211) **1.30** Littlest Pet Shop (33501) **2.00** Little Bear Stories (2969) **2.30** BBC Block (14308) **3.30** Aaahh!!! Real Monsters (3768) **4.00** Tales from the Cryptkeeper (2143) **4.30** Rugrats (2143) **4.45** Doug (2143) **5.00** Sister Sister (6921) **5.30** Sister Sister (9679) **6.00** Space Cases (9292) **6.30** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (3872)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Dinosaurs! **5.00** Time Travellers **5.30** Jurassica 2 **6.00** Beyond 2000 **7.00** Wild Things: The Father of Camels

BRAVO

12.00 Fantasy Island **1.00pm** Remington Steele **2.00** New Avengers **3.00** Land of the Giants **4.00 FILM: The Fiction Makers** **6.00** Thunderbirds **7.00** Monkey **8.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **9.00** Starsky and Hutch **10.00-12.00 FILM: Parasite**

PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Family Ties (6785) **7.30** Entertainment (9056) **8.00** Wings (2105) **8.30** Laverne and Shirley (4940) **9.00** Soap (89105) **9.30** Taxi (21766) **10.00** Entertainment (74360) **10.30** Dr Katz (90308) **11.00** Sledgehammer (84650) **11.30** Frontline (40389) **12.00** Bob (36148) **12.30am** I Love Lucy (12070) **1.00** Soap (25728) **1.30** Taxi (32506) **2.00** Entertainment (67761) **2.30** Sledgehammer (86896) **3.00** Dr Katz (62344) **3.30-4.00** Wings (77148)

UK LIVING

6.00am Kilroy (2292) **7.00** Esther (2292) **7.30** Young and Restless (2292) **8.20** Rhodes Around Britain (2292) **8.55** Catchword (2292) **9.35** The New Mr and Mrs Show (2292) **10.00** Entertainment Now! (2292) **10.05** Jerry Springer (2292) **11.00** Young and Restless (2292) **11.55** Brookside (2292) **12.25pm** Trivial Pursuit (2292) **12.50** Gabrielle (2292) **1.40** Rolonda (2292) **2.30** Agony Experience (2292) **3.00** Live at Three (2292) **4.00** Who's Sorry Now? (2292) **4.30** Talkabout (2292) **5.05** Lingo (2292) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (2292) **6.00** Bewitched (2292) **6.30** Ready, Steady, Cook (2292) **7.05** Brookside (2292) **7.35** Trivial Pursuit (2292) **8.00** Street Legal (2292) **9.00 FILM: Cast the First Stone** (2292) **10.50** Entertainment Now! (2292)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Blockbusters (2292) **5.30** Treasure Hunt (18747) **6.30** Catchphrase (9698) **7.00** Through the Keyhole (2056) **7.30** Sweet Justice (56582) **8.30** Rising Damp (6281) **9.00** Hart to Hart (53292) **10.00** Ruth Rendell: Wolf to the Slaughter (63679) **11.00** Duty Free (37766) **11.30** Bagdad Cafe (41143) **12.00** Moonlighting (79864) **1.00am** Hart to Hart (85693) **2.00** Sweet Justice (14896) **3.00** Moonlighting (28186) **4.00** All Together Now (36815) **4.30-5.00** The Black Stallion (42419)

(35582) **3.00** Select Mtv (19360) **4.00** Hanging Out (38495) **5.00** The Grind (4650) **5.30** Dial (9993) **6.00** Hot — New Show (7476) **6.30** New York (1056) **7.00** Star Trax (66766) **8.00** The Big Picture (1114) **8.30** Guide to Dance (9969) **9.00** New Series (55650) **10.00** Amour (45872) **10.30** Beavis and Butt-head (21292) **11.00** Headbangers' Ball (88327) **1.00am** Videos

VH-1

7.00am Power Breakfast (84761) **9.00** Cafe VH-1 (84761) **12.00** Heart and Soul (84761) **1.00pm** Vinyl Years (84761) **2.00** Ten of the Best (84761) **3.00** Into the Music (84761) **6.00** Happy Hour (84761) **7.00** VH-1 for You (84761) **8.00** Thursday Review (84761) **9.00** Queen: The Magic Years (84761) **10.00** Vinyl Years (84761) **11.00** Music First (84761) **12.00** VH-1 to 1 (84761) **12.30am** The Bridge (84761) **1.00** Ten of the Best

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ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran (42334360) **7.30** Lifestyle East (43638476) **8.30** Pakistan Business Update (53643389) **9.00** Sitaron Ka Karavan (53667969) **9.30** Your Zindegi (36129619) **10.00** Bharat Ek Khoj (42359679) **11.00** Shakti (61009209) **11.30** Banegi Apni Baat (60659768) **12.00** Dastaan (53847105) **12.30pm** Parivartan (32529655) **1.00 FILM: Ahista Ahista** (12828211) **4.00** Zee Top Ten (43009489) **5.00** Zee Zone (14738698) **5.30** Kya Scene Hai (33495056) **6.00** Naye Tarane (33492969) **6.30** Zee and U (33478921) **7.00** Teri Bhi Chup Meri Bhi Chup (14718834) **7.30** Galaxzee (33472105) **8.00** News (14727582) **8.30** Andaz (14713389) **9.00** Jaal (51104853) **9.30** Hasratein (18129899) **10.00** Commander (53848834) **10.30** Yaadon Ke Rang (53657582) **11.00** Zee Horror Show (80459560) **11.30** Aap Ki Farmaish (89650292)

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THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 5 1996

QPR begin search to fill vacancy

Wilkins falls off managerial merry-go-round

By Brian Glanville

Wilkins: dual role

RAY WILKINS parted company with Queens Park Rangers yesterday. He was not sacked, the new chairman, Chris Wright, was at pains to point out. Nor did he officially resign. Wright simply felt it was in the best interest of Wilkins and QPR that he let somebody else take over as manager.

The hidden agenda seems to be that Wilkins still thoroughly enjoys playing and would like to go on doing so, but has been less happy with the managerial side of his dual role.

"I feel Ray Wilkins may have the makings of being a great manager," Wright said, "but he'd been a player at Queens Park Rangers for a number of years and maybe he found it a bit difficult to combine the roles in a club where he had been playing. He was used to being with the players, motivating them one week, but going into the transfer market, the next."

The transfer market at the moment is what concerns QPR most. A season ago, they lost their star turn, Les Ferdinand, to Newcastle United, could never really replace him and sank out of the FA Carling Premiership largely in consequence. This season, they have been beset by a host of injuries, the worst of which has ruled out Kevin Gallen, their promising young forward, for the rest of the season after an operation on his cruciate ligaments.

"Obviously the injuries played a part to some extent," Wright said, "because if it wasn't for the injuries, it wouldn't have been so difficult to go out and buy new players. We need to target these players, and we need them quickly. We need to know who these players are, where they are and how we can attract them to the club."

In the past Wilkins's forays into the transfer market have not been especially successful. He brought Mark Hateley, his former AC Milan and Rangers team-mate, to Shepherds Bush in the middle of last season, but Hateley was injured at the time and has never flourished. He is now on loan to Leeds United.

Ned Zelic, the Australia international, came from Germany, did little of consequence, and has now been sold to Auxerre. Simon Osborn was bought from Reading, failed to fit in, but has done better at Wolverhampton Wanderers. Playing as he did, it was probably difficult for Wilkins to build up the kind of contacts, especially in Scandinavia and Eastern Europe that are so vital if a manager is to acquire new talent at reasonable prices.

It has already been rumoured that Manchester City, who recently sacked Alan Ball and who have just been turned down by George Graham, would be happy for Wilkins to take over the team, but Wilkins would still prefer a club where he could continue playing.

Wright said: "I think Ray felt he had a very clear mandate to go out and get the players, and Ray does like playing." The implication is that QPR have the money to spend, if only they can find the manager to spend it and spend it wisely.

The inevitable rumours abound over the identity of Wilkins's successor. Terry Venables, once a QPR manager and now involved with Portsmouth: Graham, whose merits are appreciated by Wright, and who seems to be quoted whenever a club needs a new manager; Bruce Rioch, who was shown the door by Arsenal as the season began.

Wilkins said: "I have been in professional football for over 20 years, and I can honestly say that this is the hardest situation I have ever had to deal with." Now, he intends to take his family on holiday.

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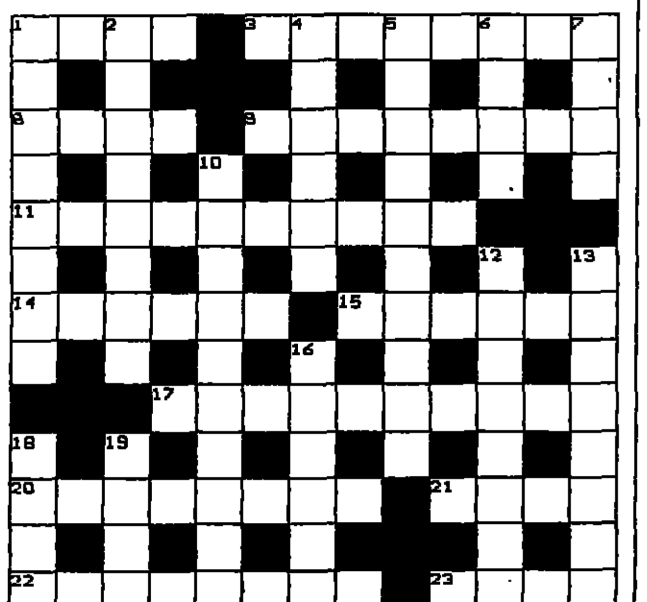

ACROSS
1 Underhand: headquarters (4)
3 Followed closely (8)
8 (Indian) spiritual teacher (4)
9 Ljubljana its capital (8)
11 To a certain extent (2,2,1,5)
14 Overhead structure of support (6)
15 Elite: selection (6)
17 Nasty thing (to swallow) (6,4)
20 Implausible (8)
21 Desperate; ominous (4)
22 Bring to mind (8)
23 Informal conversation (4)

DOWN
1 Give with bad grace (8)
2 Careful examination (8)
4 Dip in ground; not solid (6)
5 Its Duke seated in Derbyshire (10)
6 Grape drink (4)
7 Attract: sketch (4)
10 Honest(ly) *(Aus.)* (4,6)
12 Make, get less (8)
13 Implacably determined (4-4)
16 Postwar PM (6)
18 Rough (metal) edge; way to sound *r* (4)
19 Miserable: Ron — and Eth (4)

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Uefa review grants reprieve for Cantona

By David Maddock

ERIC CANTONA will be eligible to play against Juventus next week in the European Cup. The Manchester United forward had originally been informed that he would have to serve a one-match ban from European competition for a caution in a Champions' League match 20 months ago.

Yesterday, however, a representative of Uefa, football's governing body in Europe, contacted the English champions to confirm that Cantona had already served the ban, and would be allowed to take part in the game perceived as the most difficult that United will face in the group stage of the competition.

Ken Merrett, the United secretary, said that Uefa had ordered a review of Cantona's case after inquiries by the club. "We were told that when Eric missed the Uefa Cup games against Rotor Volgograd last season, because of his worldwide suspension, it would not count against the European ban," he said.

"But we telephoned Uefa again this week, and they have decided that he did serve the one-match ban when he was suspended last season."

It is a significant boost for United, who were worried about taking a depleted team to Turin for a difficult tie against the European champions. Roy Keane is still in doubt, and Philip Neville could also be absent. "We are pleased about the decision on Cantona," Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said. "We felt Eric should not have to serve the ban twice."

Barry Town have been given the go-ahead to stage the home leg of their Uefa Cup first-round tie against Aberdeen at their Jenner Park ground on September 24. Safety officials have given them permission to instal an additional 3,500 seats to take the capacity up to 6,500.

"We didn't want to go to another ground," Gary Barnett, the Barry Town player-manager, said. Barry, who became the first League of Wales side to win a round in Europe when they beat Dinaburg, of Latvia, travel to Pittodrie next Tuesday.

GILL ALLEN

The training boycott by England rugby union players left Jack Rowell, the coach, a lonely man at Bisham Abbey yesterday. Report, page 38

France feasts on football à la carte

From Ben Macintyre
in Paris

JACQUES CHIRAC, the French President, is a football junkie who demands absolute silence when he is glued to the box during an important match, his wife, Bernadette, complained recently.

This strain on the presidential marriage is likely to get dramatically worse from this week, after the launch of a new digital pay-per-view package on French television that offers nearly ten times the number of live football matches being shown on the small screen and allows supporters to follow their home team from home — not just when it happens to be selected on the French equivalent of *Match of the Day*, but every night of the football season.

The new digital satellite system unveiled by the French pay-television network, Canal Plus, on Tuesday is organised on an à la carte basis, with a staggering total of 340 league matches to choose from this season.

No longer will M Chirac have to put up with the *prix fixe* menu, forcing him to watch whatever match is selected for the evening's viewing. Instead, he can choose from any of the nine weekly matches being played simultaneously in the domestic soccer league, or, if he feels like a *grande bouffe*, he can watch them all, surfing from one game to another, picking up a bit here and there and no doubt driving his wife to distraction.

The new system, launched by Canal Plus in partnership with the French football league, also offers the option of pulling up live statistics and instant replays.

France is the first country to launch a system of à la carte football using the new technology, but next week Italy follows suit with a similar package and plans are in train to bring the technology to Great Britain.

Like all the best French gourmet experiences, access to the three-star football banquet is not cheap. Subscribers must pay £220 for the initial digital receiver, satellite and "smartcard"; the annual fee for access to league matches comes to a further £520; and selecting one match from the weekly menu costs £6.50, while access to the lot is £10.

Covering each match requires a team of 45, including commentators, cameramen and technicians, and Canal Plus estimates that it will mobilise more than 400 people to cover all games.

Some football managers have voiced fears that the new satellite system will drain spectators from French stadiums, which already have low attendance records by European standards, but Noël Le Graët, the president of the French football league, argues that the huge choice of matches will bring live football to many who do not usually travel to stadiums.

"Over the last dozen years, we have seen that every live broadcast is a terrific promotion for the game," he said. "À la carte soccer will help boost this and attract even more people to the stadiums." Le Graët predicted that 300,000 people will have signed on to the new system by the end of the season.

Silvio Berlusconi, the former Italian Prime Minister and president of AC Milan, the Italian club, is taking a more cautious approach when his Telepiu'calcio launches a comparable system at the start of the *Serie A* season next week. Italian viewers can subscribe to the full array of matches only for games played outside their home region. If 80 per cent of the tickets to a home match have been sold, however, the game will be made available to viewers living in the area.

With football fever at a peak after encouraging French performances in Euro 96 and new strikes in the offing promising plenty of free time, Canal Plus claims the new system will "revolutionise" the way France watches *Le Foot*.

For Madame Chirac, this may be a most frustrating autumn.

Chelmsford into the black as McDonough sees red

Russell Kempson finds football's so-called 'wild man' on his best behaviour at Wembley

Roy McDonough was on his best behaviour at Wembley yesterday. He led his team out of the tunnel, to the taped chanting of *We Shall Not Be Moved*, and waved to an imaginary crowd. He played with the children, posed for photographs and conducted interviews like a perfect gentleman. Was this really the football player once dubbed "Vlad the Impaler"?

Indeed it was, yet without a late tackle or tantrum in sight. McDonough, the sport's rogue of rogues, with 21 dismissals in his 22-year career, exuded charm and goodwill. With a five-figure sponsorship deal and £3 million nationwide campaign at risk, the danger of an outbreak of hostilities was never a factor.

Still, he saw red ... everywhere. McDonough, now player-manager of Chelmsford City, was helping to launch the club's backing from Britvic, the soft drinks firm. It includes red kit — designed by Wayne Hemingway, Blackburn Rovers supporter and founder of Red or Dead, the street-cred fashion label — and a new energy drink cheekily christened "Red Card".

"Hoddle take your pick," one of the posters about to be unveiled to the great British public reads, imploring the England manager to trawl the Dr Martens League, particularly New Writtle Street, for World Cup talent. "Keeps you going till you're sent off," the slogan on the bottle reads, again rubbing in the past exploits of "Red Card" Roy.

McDonough, 37, 6ft 1in and grey of hair, appreciates the irony. "That's what I'm most known for, getting sent off," he said, without a hint of a head-butt. "Twenty-one times? I suppose it's about that. I've got this reputation as a lunatic who always wants to fight, and it's stuck."

What irks him, though, is that most critics have forgotten his achievements. Three promotions from the old fourth division, as a player with Walsall and Southend United, and the non-league Conference-FA Trophy double of 1992 with Colchester United, where he was player-manager.

"It's a bit upsetting not to get recognition for that and I've always wanted my teams to play the right way, to play football," he said. "Anyway, it's a great financial deal for the club, so I'm not that bothered really."

The Chelmsford players, according to the hype, are about to become superstars. "They're already heroes in Chelmsford," the ad man said. Yet some things never change.

McDonough, who markets fruit-flavoured spring water for a living, was booked in his first two games this season. "One of the refs didn't even ask me my name, he knew it already," he said. "It was getting ridiculous so I've packed in playing." Vlad the Impaler, perhaps, is history.

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Hemingway is putting his shirt on Chelmsford City and their player-manager, McDonough, fourth from left

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